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Minutes of the 983rd Meeting

The 983nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order on December 13, 2000 at 8:15PM by president Carl Wolf. This meeting was our holiday banquet held at the Mid-Day Club on the 56th floor of Bank One Plaza. A heavy snowstorm hit the Chicago area on this day and caused many members to miss this meeting. Dinner started at around 7PM with cash bar and snacks preceding. John Connolly said grace before dinner.

After dinner Steve Zitowsky presented a program on Love Tokens. Steve showed slides and also several examples of Love Tokens. At the end of his talk Steve received the CCC Featured Speaker medal.

Bob Feiler, 2nd VP, presented the annual exhibit or Cabeen awards. Mark Wieclaw received honorable mention, Don Dool received 2nd place, and Carl Wolf was awarded 1st place.

The next item of business was the installation of officers for 2001-2002 term. Past president Bob Leonard installed the following new officers:

- ☐ President - Carl Wolf
- ☐ First VP - Robert Feiler
- ☐ Second VP - Donald Dool
- ☐ Director - William Burd
- ☐ Director - Jeff Rosinia
- ☐ Director - William Bierly
- ☐ Archivist - Phil Carrigan
- ☐ Immediate past president - Mark Wieclaw

Appreciation was extended to Harlan Berk for the *hors d'oeuvres*, Jeff Rosinia as banquet chairman, Richard Hamilton as outgoing Secy-Treasurer since January 1997, and to the new Secy-Treasurer Lyle Daley.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Hamilton
Secretary-Treasurer

Important Dates

Jan	**10**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Dennis Fuller on *Civil War Tokens and Related Items.*
Feb	**14**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - to be announced
Mar	**1-4**	7th Annual Chicago Paper Money Exposition (CPMX) at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel, 6600 N. Manheim Road, Rosmont, IL. Admission is $5.
Apr	**6-8**	Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS) convention, Indianapolis, IN.
Apr	**26-29**	26th Annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel, 6600 N. Manheim Road, Rosmont, IL. Admission is $5.

Speaker's Wor[l]d
Loke Tokens

by Steven Zitowsky
(Presented at the December 13 meeting.)

Coin collectors who are romantically inclined and get a satisfaction from owning an item with an interesting story behind it can add an interesting sideline to their collection with love tokens. Just about everyone has seen a love token at one time or another. Many love tokens were made from useful objects such as lace-makers' bobbins, combs and household items. In Wales, it was customary to hand carve wooden spoons, hence the expression "spooning" for courtship. Cards in celebration of St. Valentine's Day were originally hand-made "Tokens of Love." However, on this dark and stormy night, we are concerned here with love tokens derived from coins.

The majority of English love tokens, which is where the practice is considered to have begun, were hand made in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. They were created by young men to give to their sweethearts, and in some cases were given by soldiers and sailors who were to go abroad in service and wanted their loved ones to remember them. Customarily used by the poorer classes, the love tokens were made from lower value copper coins of the period, though occasionally a more wealthy man might make one upon a silver coin. Here in the United States, however, most love tokens are on 10-cent coins, usually the 1850 to 1891 Liberty Seated series.

Their manufacture was simple. A coin was rubbed down, usually on both sides, until the "head" and "tail," or obverse and reverse, were obliterated and the metal was smooth. Upon this blank, the man then engraved or stamped his own pattern and wording. Considering that most of the men who made these were unskilled in this type of engraving, the results are remarkable. The designs range from finely executed and planned, down to the very simple and crudely worked. There are familiar symbols of romance, such as hearts pierced by arrows, Cupid's bow and arrow, flowers, love birds and lovers' knots, with either the initials of the donor or one, or both, of their names. Cruder examples merely have the man's name and date, and are otherwise plain. The year is also frequently added, which allows the collector to date them accurately.

If the person engraving it was really skilled, around the edges was sometimes

cut a border of leaves, crosses as kisses, or a continuing pattern. This program includes 27 slides of love tokens; some simple and fairly crudely executed, some highly decorated, perhaps on both sides, perhaps with branches and sprays of leaves, and ornate lettering and designs and scenes. It may seem so finely worked that it is doubtful that it is the work of the donor. It is more likely that he paid a professional engraver to do the work which he passed off as his own. There is some evidence that engraving love tokens was a medium in which apprentice engravers could "hone" their skills.

But numismatic "Tokens of Love" are known on virtually every type of coin, U.S. and foreign, and the engraver's creativity seems limitless. Some might have one or more holes or mountings, indicating that they were used on some type of jewelry. No two love tokens are exactly the same, although many are quite similar, such as those used in earrings and such.

Membership Dues for 2001

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In Memory
Albert F. Ivan

Albert F. Ivan, 72, passed away on November 21, 2000 from cancer, in Chicago, IL. He is survived by his wife Violet, a son John and daughter Susan.

Al worked at the Southeast National Bank for over 25 years surviving several mergers and buy-outs until he retired in the early 1980s. He then went to work for Rare Coin Company of America (Rarcoa) and remained with them until they moved from downtown to Willowbrook.

Al was a member of the Chicago Coin Club since 1955 (No. 638) and was also a member of the American Numismatic Association since 1955 (R23646).

He was a very active collector of high quality foreign and U. S. coins as well as foreign gold. He traveled to many ANA Conventions and attended most regional shows.

A service was held at the St. Walter Church in Chicago on November 27th.

William A. Burd

Our 984th Meeting

Date:	January 10, 2001
Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	Bank One Plaza Building (formerly the First National Bank Building) 18th Floor, on Dearborn between Madison and Monroe. Enter the building at the South entrance of the Dearborn side, sign in at the security desk and take the elevator to the 18th floor.
Featured speaker:	Dennis Fuller - *Civil War Tokens and Related Items*

Mr. Fuller has been actively collecting the tokens on and off dating back to 1971 when the items were affordable.

An active member of the Oak Park Coin Club since 1977, Hillside Coin Club since 1996, and joined the Chicago Coin Club in 1997, he tries to attend as many Civil War shows as he can in the Chicagoland Area as well as the Annual Show in Mansfield, Ohio and Gettysburg, Pa during Fourth of July weekend. He has visited many Civil War Battlefields, including Gettysburg, Pa., Federicksburg, Va., Chancelorsville, Va., Manassas, Va., Antietam, Md. and Spotsylvania, Va.

He received his B.S. Degree in Accounting from Loyola University.

Birthday and Year Joined

February	1	Damon Todd Skinner	1999
February	2	Tillie Boosel	
February	9	Steven G. Zitowsky	1991
February	16	Donald H. Dool	1998
February	25	Walter Pershke	1968
February	27	Ronald Martino	1991

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TCF Checking Account	$2789.06
Dreyfus Money Market	1758.05
Bank One CD	1357.09
Bank One CD	1355.17
TOTAL	$7259.37

President Carl Wolf called for a moment of silence in memory of Albert Ivan.

First Vice President Robert Feiler introduced Dennis Fuller as the featured speaker. Dennis spoke on Civil War tokens. Tokens came into use in 1860 as a response to a shortage of circulating coinage. As uncertainty in the future of the union grew, so did the hoarding of copper, silver and gold.

Civil War tokens are divided into three categories, store cards, patriotic and sutler. Dennis placed approximately 10 articles from his collection on the overhead projector and offered to show more to interested parties after the meeting.

After the presentation, Robert Feiler presented Dennis Fuller with the Featured Speaker Medal.

The following individuals presented material during the meeting's Show and Tell:

1. Robert Feiler presented numismatic material from his Costa Rican trip. He had currency, coin key chain, a lizard/coin pen. He also presented 1 mil and 9 cent notes.
2. Mike Metras showed the "Italian version of the Red Book" entitled *Gigante 2000*, purchased for $15 while he was in Italy. He also acquired a second *Catalogia*. Mike also presented various copies of Italian coinage acquired on his trip.
3. Mark Wieclaw displayed the lead seals from cases of US mint gold and silver bullion coinage. He had one seal that was an off center strike. Mark also had a nail from a Roman fort dating from 83 AD and a Roman coin.
4. Reid Geisler presented a clipped Virginia quarter, two off center Virginia quarters (5 & 20%) and a roll of the new New York quarters.
5. Steve Zitowsky acquired two Danish 4 skilling coins 1645 & 1644 purchased from Erv Beskow during his liquidation sale.
6. Drew Michyeta presented a copy of the Confederate States half dollar.
7. Bill Burd presented a Fractional Currency price sheet for specimen sets from the Treasury of the United States.
8. Bob Leonard had waited years to acquire a winter carnival $.50 token for Breckenridge Colorado. These were suppressed by the Secret Service as they were good at several stores. Tokens can be legally issued for 1 store only. Bob had a revised souvenir piece and one in original condition. Bob also presented several Civil War cardboard store cards/tokens.
9. Chet Poderski was "cleaning out his garage" and found a promotional token that read "You don't need two heads to understand CBS Holiday Television".
10. Carl Wolf presented souvenir notes from the American Banknote Company, a $2 Liberty Bank of Providence and $3 Bank of Kansas.
11. Don Dool shared his assemblage of the "Copper Coins of Conflict". He presented a copy of a Confederate 1 cent, a Barcelona 1810 4 Quartos, a siege coin of Limerick 1691 overstruck on a shilling.

Old Business:

Jeff Rosinia received a round of applause for his fantastic work on the annual banquet.

The educational certificate was awarded to Steve Zitowsky for his talk on Love Tokens presented at the annual banquet.

A motion was made, seconded and passed, to hold our regular meetings in

March and April in addition to meeting at the Chicago Paper Money Show and the Chicago International Coin Fair.

A motion was made, seconded and passed, to print 150, two page souvenir cards in color, sequentially numbered for a cost not to exceed $750 for distribution at the Chicago Paper Money Show and the Chicago International Coin Fair. Mike Metras and Bob Feiler will research.

CCC is in receipt of a letter from the Pioneer Memorial fund advising the club that if we contributed an additional $150 the CCC would be would be named on the dedication plaque. This issue was tabled.

Carl Wolf advised the members that CCC is in receipt of a letter from John Wilson requesting individual members endorsement as president of the ANA.

New Business:

Members were requested to propose ideas for the celebration of the CCC's upcoming 1000th meting.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Daly

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Birthday and Year Joined

March 7	James R. Budd	1964
March 7	Bruno Rzepka	1968
March 14	Donald R. Srbeny	1987
March 16	Michael Brodsky	1991
March 16	Joseph T. Tomasko	1984
March 19	Charles Ricard	1963
March 20	Sidney Bick	1953
March 23	Eileen Peterson	1982
March 25	David B. Silberman	1971
March 29	Nancy Wilson	1984
March 31	Andrew E. Michyeta III	1984

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Location:	Bank One Plaza Building (formerly the First National Bank Building) 18th Floor, on Dearborn between Madison and Monroe. Enter the building at the South entrance of the Dearborn side, sign in at the security desk and take the elevator to the 18th floor.
Featured speaker:	to be announced - *but you know it will be good, so do not miss it*
	What have you been studying? Stand up in front, and tell us about it!

Important Dates

Feb **14** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - to be announced

Mar **2-4** 7th Annual Chicago Paper Money Exposition (CPMX) at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel, 6600 N. Manheim Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5.

The March meeting will consist of two sessions; the first session will end with a recess (instead of an adjournment), and we will reconvene for the second session at our usual venue.

Mar **3** CCC Meeting (session #1) - 1pm at the Chicago Paper Money Exposition, which is held at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel, 6600 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL.
Featured Speaker - Chet Krause on *The Mining Scrip of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.*

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Apr **11** CCC Meeting (session #1) - Featured Speaker - to be announced.

Apr **28** CCC Meeting (session #2) - 1pm at the annual Chicago International Coin Fair held at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel.
Featured Speaker - To be announced.

Apr **27-29** 26th Annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel, 6600 N. Manheim Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5.

Show and Tell

Each image has a scale in the lower-left corner, with the tics spaced 1 mm apart. Because the brightness and contrast were manipulated on a computer, the coloring of a coin's image differs from the coin's actual coloring.

1. **Bob Feiler** started us off with some souvenirs acquired from his recent trip to Costa Rica. Bob was a spectator while the local currency was falling in value against the US dollar; from 310 *Colones* at his arrival, then 315, and then 318 while exchanging money. Upon his return to the US, he saw a rate of 378 *Colones* to the dollar.

   Not many numismatic items were spotted while there, but did show us a 1985-dated 10 Colones note on a key chain, and a 1975-dated 25 centimes coin attached to a lizard which was wrapped around a ball-point pen; and mentioned that he had passed on buying a bong with a coin in the pipe bowl.

   He also showed us two additions to his collection of odd-denomination notes: a one-mil note; and a nine-cent note from a Newport Rhode Island merchant.
2. Continueing that theme, **Mike Metras** showed items he acquired during his October trip to Italy. He reminded everyone to buy heavy books at the end of a vacation, and showed:
   - ☐ *Gigante 2001: Monete Italiane Dal '700 Ad Oggi*, an Italian coin catalog reminiscent of our Red Book, covering the years 1700 to present. A very heavy book containing very good maps of Italian states from various eras, costing 30,000 lira (about $15).
   - ☐ *Catalogo Enciclopedico Italiano 2000/2001*, a stamp catalog purchased for the section on Eritrean stamps; for about $15.

   And then some coins. Except they were actaully immitations of rare pieces, costing about $3 each.
   - ☐ Maria Luigia, Parma;
   - ☐ Ferdinand II, Kingdom of Two Sicilies;
   - ☐ Ferdinand II, Sardinia
   - ☐ Government of Lombardy;

- Umberto I, 5 lira, Italy combined;
- Victor Emmanual, 100 lira from 1910 (original in gold, but this piece in some white metal; with this piece, some in the audience realized something was wrong);

- Victor Emmanual III, 20 lira;
- Albania 5 leka.

3. **Mark Wieclaw** started off with some esoteric items; an assortment of the lead seals used on the government shipping cases for US bullion coins. Bearing the year on one side and the W indicating the facility at West Point on the other side, the 2001 seal was well centered while the 2000 seal was off-center. Some comments from the members regarded slabbing and the existence of any reference works for these, and then we started off on a listing of the colors used for the various shipping cases (green, blue, black, and red were mentioned, if you must know).
   A 3-inch iron nail was next, dating from 83AD, and from the Inchtuthil Fortress which consisted of stone walls enclosing wooden buildings. Needed to fight the Caledonians, the fort was later dismantled with the iron being buried to deny it to Rome's enemies. A million of these nails are on the market; this was purchased with documention including a map of the fortress.
   A silvered double centeniolis from the Rome mint, for the pretender Magnentius 350-353. The reverse shows the emperor standing on a captive.

4. Showing state quarter error finds was **Reid Geisler**, with clipped and off-center Virginia quaters. A roll of New york quarters minted at Denver also was shown.
5. **Steve Zitowsky** showed two coins bearing the Hebrew word Jehovah, acquired from Erv Beskow. They form a complete date set of these 4 skilling coins from Denmark; the 1645 dated coin was purchased first, followed by the rarer (but in worse condition) 1644 a few days later.

6. An old acquisition, re-discovered by **Drew Michyeta** while cleaning a belt buckle drawer, was a replica of a famous copy. A modern copy of the Confederate Half Dollar, marked copy.
7. **Bill Burd** showed an original pricelist from the 1860s, for the Specimen Set of Fractional Currency.
8. Another member showing items acquired during travels was **Bob Leonard**. The ANA summer seminar gave him the opportunity to complete a set started 37 years ago. In 1963, merchants in Breckinridge, Colorado issued a trade token good for 50 cents at any of the merchants. 2000 were made, but after 1300 were issued they

were withdrawn because it is illegal to issue a trade token good at more than one establishment. The remaining 700 had the denomination ground off, and had the word SOUVENIR engraved there, and these pieces were then offered for sale at 50 cents. Bob showed some contemporary newspaper clippings, and explained that the original pieces (with denomination) were available at a price of $10; so he sent away for only the SOUVENIR piece. Last summer, he finally was able to buy an original, and for $2!

To complement the featured speaker's presentation, Bob showed various Civil War tokens in cardboard:

- Mathews & Brothers, Druggists, New York, in 1, 2, and 3 cents. These are about the only collectible cardboard tokens from that era. These were hand signed on the reverse.
- From Troy, New York, the Troy House Restaurant. One cent, but split; signed on the reverse.
- Tea Company, good at listed addresses in Troy and Albany, New York.
- Two pieces from Holly Springs, Mississippi, the **NOJ&GNRR Co**. A one dollar piece, and a fifty cent piece (creased) signed on front, blank reverse. These two pieces are made of pasteboard (layers of thin cardboard pasted together), but the dealer, Neil Sowards, who sold them to Bob had repaired them. The group the dealer had acquired had separated in storage before he bought them, so the dealer pasted them back together again.

9. **Chet Poderski** showed a 1974 CBS token bearing the two-headed Janus as the main device, with the wording "You do not need two heads to understand CBS Television".
10. **Carl Wolf** continued his earlier theme with two souvenir cards bearing replicas of paper money:
    - A $3 note from The Bank of the State of Kansas (1861-1866), previously chartered in 1858 as the Kansas Valley Bank. The main vignette shows wild horses, and a barnyard vignette is located in the lower left. Issued in 1980 by the *Bank Note Reporter* as an incentive during a subscription drive, this is one of 5,000 pieces printed from the original plates used by Danforth, Wright & Company.
    - A $2 note from the Liberty Bank of Providence, Rhode Island (1854-1883). Alfred Jones engraved both the central vignette, of horses frightened by lightning, and the left vignette, of America with sword and shield; a vignette later used on the U.S. $20 Demand Note and the first $20 Legal Tender Note.

Jones died in New York in 1900, hours after being hit by a hansom cab. It is ironic that the last image this master engraver probably saw was a frightened horse. Issued in 1979 for the International Paper Money Convention, the American Bank Note Company printed 20,000, but only 5,122 are believed to survive.

11. **Don Dool** continued his theme of *coins of conflict* with:
    - ☐ Confederate States of America 1861, one cent. Dies originally made by Robert Lovett, but never delivered. Sold to Captain John W. Haseltine, who struck copies in copper, silver and gold. Supposedly these copies are from the original dies with the word COPY added.
    - ☐ Hungary, War of Independence (1848-9), 1847, 1 krajczar. The Kossuth Rebellion ended when the Austrians appealed to the Russians tsar for help. He sent an army and that was the end of the revolt.
    - ☐ Spain, Barcelona, 1810, 4 Quartos, French occupation (1808-14). Napolean had installed his brother Joseph on the Spanish throne in 1808, invaded and was in control of most of the peninsula by 1809.
    - ☐ Siege of Limerick, 1691, ½ cent. Last holdout of James II in rebellion. Ended by the Treaty of Limerick after James II was defeated at the Battle of Boyne. William III of Orange became king. Struck over host coin KM 94, Gun money shilling, either Mar(ch) 1689 or 1690. The gun money shillings were struck by James II; since both are issues of James II, why strike over the obverse? Devaluation; shilling = 12 pence.

He concluded by showing an 1852 original of *Die Saurmasche Münzsammlung* and started a discussion as to whether it should be rebound, pointing out that 90% of the pages were loose.

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A motion was made, seconded and passed, to revise the passage in last months' minutes that reads "at the Chicago Paper Money Show and the Chicago International Coin Fair" to read "at the Chicago Paper Money Show", deleting "and the Chicago International Coin Fair". The minutes were then approved.

Secretary /Treasurer Lyle Daly gave a treasury report as follows:

TCF Checking Account	$2189.12	
Dreyfus Money Market	1768.71	
Bank One CD	1357.09	due 9/01
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TOTAL	$6670.09	

First Vice President Robert Feiler introduced Drew Michyeta as the featured speaker. Drew spoke on the Franklin Mint series of Postal Commemorative Medals. The silver medals are packaged with a cancelled companion stamp, commemorating the same topic.

Drew reviewed medals and stamps commemorating the Bicentennial of the United States, A Decade in Space, C.A.R.E., San Francisco Cable Cars, Yellowstone, Glass Blowing, Silver Working, Harry S. Truman, Mt. McKinley and promoting Planned Parenthood and the Prevention of Drug Abuse.

Robert Feiler thanked Drew for his presentation.

Second Vice President Don Dool introduced the following individuals, who presented material during the meeting's Show and Tell:

1. Bob Leonard presented 5 officially altered coins of the 1690s.
2. Jeff Rosinia showed several of his "cooked" & toned clad coins along with several toned silver coins.
3. Ried Giesler presented a love token on a 20-cent piece and a pair of partial brockage New Hampshire quarters.
4. Bob Feiler presented his collection of US Currency and BEP Souvenir Cards The vignettes were displayed in association with the currency on which they were used.
5. Carl Wolf presented literature on some very handsome coin novelty items that included a coin embedded acrylic toilet seat and a casket with currency and coinage embedded in it. He also had a reproduction of the $10 Bison Note.
6. Mark Weiclaw presented a 2001 Chinese Panda noting the design extends to the rim. He also had recently acquired a 1929 D Winged Liberty dime and a Byzantine weight.
7. Steve Zitowsky acquired two counter-stamped Indian Head cents and an aluminum replica of a coin from the Emperor Trajan.
8. Don Dool presented seven copper coins from the 16th & 17th century.

Old Business:

The 986th meeting will be held at the Chicago Paper Money Expo at the Ramada Hotel, 6600 N Mannheim, in Rosemont on March 3rd at 1 PM. The speaker will be Chester Krause who will discuss Mining Scrip of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. We will recess and reconvene Wednesday March 14th at 7pm. CCC Souvenir cards will be available.

The 987th meeting will be held downtown onednesday April 11th at 7pm. We will recess and reconvene at the Chicago International Coin Fair at the Ramada Hotel, 6600 N Mannheim, in Rosemont on April 28th at 1 PM. The speaker will be David Hendin who will discuss Biblical Coins.

Jeff Rosnia urged club members to participate in the design of the state quarter.

New Business:

Carl Wolf presented a Columbian Half-dollar counter stamped CCC 1933.

This was received from the estate of Helen Carmody-Lebo for authentication by the club as club exonumia. Minutes from meetings lend credence to this being an activity and product of the Chicago Coin Club.

Lyle Daly was asked to research memorial donations made to the ANA Memorial Library in memory of members who passed away in 1999. Arthur C. Allen, Harry Flower, A. Charles Swanson and Albert Ivan passed away in 2000.

A board Meeting will be held Wednesday February 21st at the Hickory Pit Restaurant 2801 S Halstead. On the agenda:

- ☐ Appoint Replacement to William Bierly
- ☐ Safe Deposit Box & Bank Account Signatures
- ☐ 1000th meeting
- ☐ Illinois Numismatic Association invitation to organize educational activities for their September 7-9 show.

Jeff Rosinia sought signatures to keep the Terra Museum in Chicago. He asked for clarification on club policy for the endorsement of candidates for ANA office. Club policy is to endorse members only.

A motion was made, seconded and passed, to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Daly

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May **9** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Steve Feller on *Bank Notes from the Vault*

Show and Tell

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1. **Bob Leonard** showed five coins that were altered by the government and reissued for circulation in the 1690s in their altered state, from five European countries:
    - ☐ Ireland, 1691 - halfpenny, Siege of Limerick, overstruck on large "Gun Money" shilling of James II, 1689-90;
    - ☐ England, 1695 - "Declaration" halfcrown of Charles I, 1643, Oxford mint, center pierced (now plugged) and returned to circulation as of full weight during the great recoinage of William II;

    - ☐ France, 1693 - billon 15 deniers of Louis XIV overstruck on douzain of Henri III, 1577 (both dates clearly showing), which itself had been counterstamped with a fleur-de-lis in beaded oval in 1640 [according to Breen, this issue was also sent to the French possessions in America];
    - ☐ Netherlands, States-General, 1693, bundle of arrows counterstamped on rijderschelling (6 stuivers) of Zwolle, 1683, to validate it for continued circulation; and
    - ☐ Malta, 1696-1697, 4 tari of John Paul Lascaris-Castellar,

1636-1651, with six counterstamps (two later than the the 1690's) including a crowned fleur-de-lis for Grandmaster Wignacourt, to validate it for continued circulation.

2. Information on the Illinois State Quarter design competition was presented by **Jeff Rosinia**, and some submission forms with design criteria were passed out. Jeff collects toned coins, and next showed an assortment of toned US silver coinage. The science fair project for Jeff's sons required the heating of different coins to a range of temperatures in an electric oven, and some of the results we saw were US cents colored magenta, brass, and red followed by copper-nickel clad coinage turned blue.
3. **Reid Geisler** brough a love token to our meeting on Valentine's Day meeting; the initials CDM on the reverse of an 1875 20-cent piece. Next was a mated pair of New Hampshire quarters, acquired at different times.

4. A small collection of vignettes was shown by **Bob Feiler**. Each page of an album showed both a vignette printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing along with a corresponding piece of paper money featuring the same vignettes, also printed by the B.E.P. Starting with Washington on the one dollar note, each page showed the next higher denomination. By the time we saw Grant and Franklin, about midway through the album, the audience started clamoring to see the Cleveland and Wilson notes; but the second half showed famous public buildings such as the capitol and the White House.
5. **Carl Wolf** showed a catalogue from an acrylic embeddedments company; they put items into blocks of acrylic. Among the items using US coins and paper money were the $250 toilet seat and the $15,000 "Yes, you can take it with you" coffin.
   Carl continued his display of souvenir cards reproducing old paper

money by showing the cards from the 1980 International Paper Money Show and the 1986 Salt Lake City ANA Convention, which showed the obverse and reverse, respectively, of the ten dollar bill from 1901 with a bison as the main obverse vignette and Lewis and Clark on the sides.

6. A variety of items was shown by **Mark Wieclaw**:
   - ☐ The Chinese gold bullion coins have been issued every year since 1982, with a different obverse design every year. This year, the design extends to the edge (no rim), as shown on his quarter ounce piece.
   - ☐ A dime-folder from a bank, holding three dollars in dimes. The usual procedure at the store is to pull and dump the dimes, but this folder had date and mintmark penciled in near some dimes. And the dime marked "21-D" certainly was!
   - ☐ A weight (now 3.95 grams) for a solidus, in copper with some gilt remaining, from Honorius and Theodosius II.
   - ☐ An as of Trajan (98-117 AD) with a bust on both obverse and reverse. From the legend, this piece is from 98-102 AD.

7. **Steve Zitowsky** showed a variety of pieces:
   - ☐ A large flat aluminum fantasy piece mixing ancient Roman and Mardi Gras crewe styles, humorously attributed to the emperor *Euphonius*.
   - ☐ Two US Indian Head cents with large plain counterstamped digit: a 1 on the 1889 cent, and a 3 on the 1869 cent. We discussed some possible uses, but nothing conclusive.
   - ☐ A possible love token for this Valentine's Day meeting was engraved "Baby" on a 1761 coin of Stad Utrecht.

8. The last exhibitor, **Don Dool**, showed six pieces dated 1622, from various German states. These are some examples of *kipper and wipper*, a complex series of billon (debased silver) coins. Debased with either copper or lead, the debasement is generally accepted to have begun about 1590 and reached its zenith during 1619 to 1622 during the 30 Years War. By 1622, the silver content was so low, if at all, that these are considered copper coins. Note that some coins use zz instead of 22 in the date.
    - ☐ Breslau city, 1 pfennig. Lion rampant (Bohemia) and spread eagle (Silesia). W is for Wratislava (name for Breslau at that time; a city in Silesia now known as Wroclaw). HR is for mintmaster Hans Rieger. Uniface.
    - ☐ Camenz, a city in Saxony, 3 pfennig. The BON PUBL in the legend stands for "public good" according to a consensus of the audience.
    - ☐ Fugger-Babenhausen-Wellenburg, 1 kreuzer. The Fuggers were a wealthy banking family dating back to the 14th century. Issued under George IV. Elliptical in shape, these were struck by roller dies (usually rolled and then punched from strip).
    - ☐ Schweinfurt, city in Bavaria, 1 kortling (1/84 gulden). the SM is for *Stadt Munze*, and the S is for Schweinfurt.
    - ☐ Teutonic Order, 1 kreuzer. Founded during Third Crusade in 1198. issued under Charles of Austria, grand master 1619-1624.
    - ☐ Warburg, city in Westphalia, 4 pfennig.

Our 986th Meeting

Date:	March 14, 2001
Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	Bank One Plaza Building (formerly the First National Bank Building) 18th Floor, on Dearborn between Madison and Monroe. Enter the building at the South entrance of the Dearborn side, sign in at the security desk and take the elevator to the 18th floor.
Featured speaker:	Harlan Berk on *topic to be announced*

Birthday and Year Joined

April 1	Charles J. Ryant, Jr.	
April 12	Mark Wieclaw	
April 15	Robert D. Leonard, Jr.	1983
April 15	Charles Menard	1995
April 18	Nancy Walsh	1997
April 27	Don Valenziano	1982

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Minutes of the 986th Meeting

The 986th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order on March 3, 2001 at 1:04PM by President Carl Wolf at the Chicago Paper Money Exposition at the Ramada Hotel, 6600 N Mannheim, in Rosemont.

First Vice President Robert Feiler introduced feature speaker Chester Krause who discussed *Mining Scrip of Michigan's Upper Peninsula*. The talk illustrated how the economic isolation of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and a flourishing local economy created the need for scrip.

First Vice President Robert Feiler thanked Mr. Krause and presented to him the Chicago Coin Club's (CCC) featured speaker Medal and an ANA educational certificate.

President Carl Wolf explained to the audience the process for membership in the CCC and encouraged all that were interested to consider membership. At this time we had the first reading of the application for membership for Gary E. Lewis.

President Carl Wolf explained to the audience the CCC tradition of distributing numbered souvenir cards at the CPMX show. This year's card was a numbered reproduction of a $1 note issued by The City Bank (of Chicago). As is customary, the first of the series is given to the club Archivist (Phil Carrigan), the second was given to the featured speaker (Mr. Krause) and the third to the preparer of the card, Mike Metras. All attendees then received a copy of the card.

The meeting was recessed at 2:03PM.

The 986th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club reconvened on March 14, 2001 at 7:01PM and called to order by President Carl Wolf.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of February 14, 2001.

Secretary/Treasurer Lyle Daly gave a treasury report as follows:

TCF Checking Account	$2566.40	
Dreyfus Money Market	1768.71	
Bank One CD	1357.09	due 9/01
Bank One CD	1355.17	due 7/01
TOTAL	$7047.37	

President Carl Wolf introduced Harlan Berk as the featured speaker. Harlan spoke on the ancient coinage of Croesus. The gold and silver pieces composed what could loosely be described as a type set. The iconography of a three quarter rampant lion opposing the head of a bull was the common theme, representing military might and fertility.

After the presentation, Carl Wolf thanked Harlan and awarded to him the CCC's featured speaker Medal.

Second Vice President Don Dool introduced the following individuals, who presented material during the meeting's Show and Tell:

- Drew Michyeta presented a contemporary coin from the Gallery Mint, hammer struck in the method of the ancients and depicting the Owl of Athena.
- Mike Metras presented two Roman coins.
- Dick Hamilton presented two examples of bonds and depression script.
- Mark Wieclaw brought in an example of Notgeld printed on burlap, an issue for 1 mark with perforations allowing the note to be divided into 2 - 50 pfennig notes. He also presented 2 Roman coins.
- Chet Poderski brought in 4 checks for emergency veteran loans from Chicago City Bank & Trust and a 1901 IRS tax stamp on a certificate for the public exhibition of money.
- Sharon Blocker presented a Cuban 10-peso coin composed of 4 pieces that when configured properly displays a view of Havana harbor.
- Bob Leonard presented several types of ducats. Numerous examples exist, as this was the required form of payment to acquire alum, an essential ingredient on the dyeing of fabric.
- Carl Wolf presented a contemporary lunch token, a souvenir card of

the $5 Running Antelope note and New Guinea seed money.

- Bill Burd presented several silver art bars. Several contained duplicate serial numbers.
- Don Dool presented a stock certificate from Banco Union Nacional with a representation of San Martin. He also brought in reproductions of 500 peso notes.

Old Business:

All were reminded that the 987th meeting will be held Wednesday April 11th at 7pm downtown. We will recess and reconvene at the Chicago International Coin Fair at the Ramada Hotel, 6600 N Mannheim, in Rosemont on April 28th at 1 PM. The speaker will be David Hendin who will discuss Coins of the Bible.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to send a $25 dollar memorial, for each member who passed away in 1999-2000, to the ANA library to purchase books in their memory.

New Business:

Carl Wolf stated that the board recommended a committee be formed to begin planning for the 1000th meeting of the CCC. Jeff Rosinia, Mark Wieclaw, Dick Hamilton, Sharon Blocker and Mike Metras volunteered to be part of that committee.

A motion was made, seconded and passed, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Daly

Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 21, 2001

The 1st board meeting of 2001 for the Chicago Coin Club, held at Connie's Pizza, was called to order on February 21, 2001 at 6:35PM by President Carl Wolf.

Those in attendance were President Carl Wolf, Second Vice President Don Dool, Phil Carrigan, Mark Weiclaw, Lyle Daly and Paul Hybert. Members William Burd, Robert Leonard and Steve Zitowsky were present in an

Speaker's Wor[l]d
Mining Scrip of Michigan's Upper Peninsula

Presented by Chet Krause to our March 4 meeting at the CPMX.

The program consisted of a little history, some geography, and a show and tell session. Although visited by French traders, the first commercial expeditions to the southern shore of Lake Superior started around 1820. In 1836, that area was made part of the state of Michigan in a land swap that gave the Toledo area to Ohio. The first commercial ties were to Detroit, because lake shipping provided easy access, and because the first investors in the area were Detroit merchants.

This talk concentrated on the experience of the Keweenau peninsula, which forms a small part of Lake Superior's southern shore. Although iron was present in the area, the copper deposits were developed first, starting in 1840. The copper mines were developed by Eastern investors, and the soft copper found a ready market, in the production of US minor coinage and other uses. This area was the main source of copper until late in the nineteenth century, when the advancing western railroads made the copper in Montana and Arizona more attractive.

The most difficult part of travel to the east was the six mile portage at Sault St. Marie. The 1855 opening of the canal and locks allowed iron to be transported. It also brought coal onto Lake Superior, which allowed steamers to start replacing schooners.

The remaining difficulty in lake travel was the winter freeze of the lake; no shipping during the winter. Most business was conducted using sight drafts given by the mines. But those were payable at some eastern bank, because most heavy industry was financed by easterners. A number of sight drafts from different mines were shown, all payable somewhere east (New York, and such). A $5 draft from The Central Mining Company, Eagle Harbor, dated 1863; a $20 draft from the Quincy Mine of Hancock, dated 1869 with a 2-cent revenue stamp; and a $100 check from the Quincy Mining Company of Hancock, dated 1889, were some of the items shown. Area bank notes were neither mentioned nor shown.

The picture that emerged of the local economy was of sight drafts circulating during the winter isolation, but the drafts would disappear after the spring

thaw, shipped east to pay for supplies and material. One hundred different pieces of mining scrip are known for the area.

A few of the area's mining stocks were shown, and mention was made of some of the more remembered of the underwriters (again from the east, mostly Boston and New York). The presentation concluded with samples of the various types of copper ores from the area; the first miners picked up much copper from the surface. Mention was made of the traces of pre-historic mining activity, and how fire and water were used to separate ore from rock.

Speaker's Wor[l]d
Early Coins of Croesus, and Signed Ancient Coins

Presented by Harlan Berk to our March 14 meeting.

Harlan has long studied the coins of Croesus, and the first part of the evening's talk was spent mentioning certain characteristics of the issues while the actual coins were displayed.

Pieces were issued in denominations of siglos and stater, but only for their clients (those they had conquered). A thirteen to one value ratio was used for gold and silver, and fractional denominations are very rare. The existence of gold and silver coins from the same die indicates that this was a small, local issue.

The main design elements are the lion and the bull, the lion representing strength and the bull representing fertility. The idea that the coinage shows Croesus, represented by the lion, vanquishing an opponent, represented by the bull, was downplayed. Once that general point was made, the design elements were analyzed both as to details and the changing style. The wart on the lion was first, followed by the position of the legs; a leaping lion early, but standing with straight parallel legs later. A high grade piece appears to show a bridle on the bull.

A short discussion of a hoard of these pieces concluded the Croesus coinage part. The second part was spent reviewing signed ancient coins. At one time, all coins of Syracuse were signed. But other areas would issue signed coins

sporadically, rarely.

On some pieces only initials were present, on other pieces names. But usually we are not certain as to whether they indicate the die cutter or the magistrate. There is no such question about the coin bearing the legend "Theodosius made it," however.

Considering all of the coins from Sicily and Magna Graeca, very few are signed. After showing a few from here and there, much time was spent on coins from Laryssa. A hoard provides useful data as to die linkages, occurrence of signed dies, and such.

The coins of Laryssa are of a standardized design; a horse on the reverse. either initials or a monogramed bull were used to sign the coins. Out of 83 identified dies, only 15 were signed. Since some dies are known only from specimens with a head struck high off of the planchet, the numbers are not exact as sometimes initials are located above the head.

The talk concluded with a brief discussion of mintage technique. Planchets might have been close to a ball in shape, in order to get the high relief without producing many edge fractures. An informative evening with these excellent pieces was over much too soon.

Show and Tell

Each image has a scale in the lower-left corner, with the tics spaced 1 mm apart. Because the brightness and contrast were manipulated on a computer, the coloring of a coin's image differs from the coin's actual coloring.

1. **Drew Michyeta** led off with a dekadrachm made by the Gallery Mint in Arkansas. It bears the owl of Athens and the head of Athena, with COPY in the ribbon on the helmet.
2. Last year's CICF was the source of **Mike Metras'** two Roman denarii:
   - ☐ The first is of Septimus Severus who lived from 146 to 211, when he died a natural death. He was emperor from 196 to 211. The obverse inscription reads L SEPT SEV PERT AVG IMP III (Lucius Septimus Severus Pertinax, Augustus (Most High), 8th imperator). Septimus Severus' laurate head faces right. The reverse reads PM TRP IIII COS II PP (High Priest, 4th Tribunal Powers, 2nd consulship); winged victory walks to the left. Using the values given for COS, TRP, and IMP in conjunction with the charts, we can say the coin was made in 196/197 AD.

   - ☐ The second coin is of Caracalla who lived from 188 to April 8, 217, when he was killed on the order of the head of the royal guard, Marcinius, the next emperor. He was emperor from 198 to 217 (a co-emperor with Septimus Severus for a time). The obverse reads ANTONINUS PIUS AVG GERM (Antoninus Pius, Most High, Germanicus). His real name was Antoninu; Caracalla was his nickname, the name of the long Gaulic coat he wore. The reverse reads PM TRP XVIII COS IIII PP (High Priest, 18th Tribunal Powers, 4th consulship, Father of the country); Apollo with a long dress and laural wreath stands in

the center holding a branch and a spear. Using the values given for COS, TRP, and IMP in conjunction with the charts, we can say the coin was made in 215 AD.

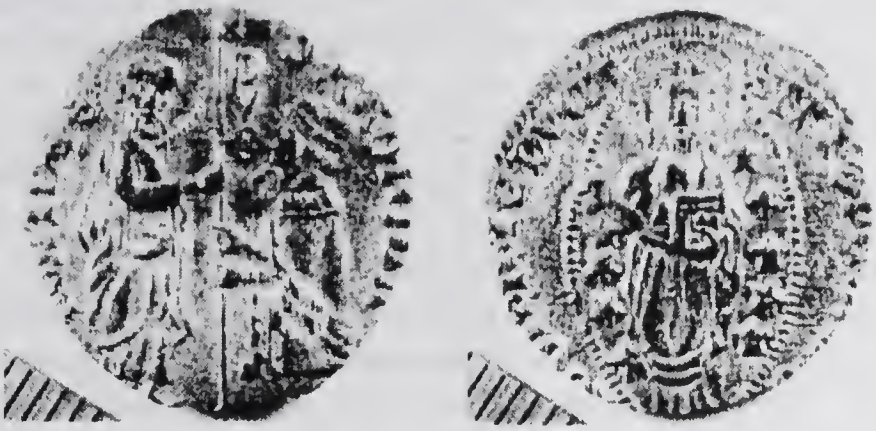
3. **Richard Hamilton** showed acquisitions from the recent CPMX:
   - ☐ A bond from the Woodruff Sleeping & Parlor Coach Company. A steam engine exiting a tunnel is the main vignette, and most of the $30 coupons are still attached.
   - ☐ A stock certificate from The Pullman Company, for three shares.
   - ☐ A cancelled piece of depression scrip from Fostoria, Ohio; dates 1933.
4. Notgeld and ancients were shown by **Mark Wieclaw**:
   - ☐ A piece of burlap notgeld, from Bielefeld; dated february, 1925.
   - ☐ A piece consisting of two 50 pfennig pieces (different designs), with perforations between.
   - ☐ Two Syrian tetradrachms from Antioch, of Otacilia Severa, wife of Philip I (244-249AD). Philip was emperor during the 1000th anniversary of the founding of Rome in 244AD. Otacilia's coinage is much scarcer than that of Philip's. The piece with her portrait left is very rare, while the piece with her portrait right is scarce. The eagle on the reverse will face left or right depending on the artist's choosing.

5. **Chet Poderski** showed some local pieces found while house cleaning:
   - ☐ Three checks drawn on the Ashland State Bank, in the amount of 1 cent, 2 cents, and 4 cents; all dated May 1943.
   - ☐ A 1949 check drawn on the account of the Red Cross Chapter, at the Chicago City Bank and Trust Company. It was a $40 advance on a pension, bearing the stamped marking "Emergency Veteran Loan".
   - ☐ What appears to be a business license from 1901. The $10 license is titled "Proprietor or Agent of Public Exhibition for Money", bears an Internal Revenue Tax Stamp, and has the address 354 Milwaukee Avenue.
6. **Sharon Blocker** showed a lot won on eBay. A set of four .999 fine silver one ounce ingots of Cuba, each denominated 10 Pesos. While the design on each piece stands alone, the rectangular pieces go together (2x2) to form an image of Havana and its harbor with sailing ships.

7. The theme "Two Imitations of a Copy" was presented by **Bob Leonard**; consisting of four ducats from the Chios Hoard (concealed circa 1435, appeared on market 1990):
   - ☐ Venice, ducat of doge Francesco Foscari, 1423-1457, pure gold;

   - ☐ Chios, ducat of Filippo Maria Visconti, Duke of Milan, Lord of Genoa, 1421-1436, 700 fine gold, copying Venetian types, but substituting St. Peter for St. Mark and with the name of the duke changed;

   - ☐ Levant, imitation of ducat of Filippo Maria Visconti of Chios, with retrograde and blundered inscription; and



- Levant, a different imitation of a ducat of Filippo Maria Visconti of Chios, in pale gold on large flan [to keep the weight at the correct 3.5 grams while debasing the gold, it was necessary for the size of the coin to increase], very crude with blundered inscription.

The two imitations were each found as die duplicates in the hoard and must be late issues. At this time the economy of Chios was based on alum, essential for dying cloth. The Genoese had a virtual monopoly on the importation of alum into Europe, transhipping it from the alum mines on the Turkish mainland and loading it on bulk freighters at Chios. About 25 years after these coins were minted, the Genoese were paying over 300,000 ducats every year just as tribute to the Turks for the alum concession. At this time, their profits would have been much higher.

8. Themes from past meetings were continued by **Carl Wolf**.
   - Carl received an envelop for an upcoming trade show in the mail. An aluminum token, good for a free lunch at the show, was behind the envelop's window. Not many tokens in actual use these days.

- ☐ A Running Antelope $5 replica from a souvenir sheet. The central vignette was inspired by a real photograph, but the war bonnet was added.
- ☐ Strings of coix seeds served as money on the islands of Santa Cruz and Papua New Guinea into the twentieth century. They had a low monetary value but their hard shell put coix seeds in demand as a trade item. They were used to decorate string-bags, braided headbands and weapons. Anthropologists in the 19th century observed natives wearing coix seeds when in mourning. Feather-money coils were also decorated with tassels made of coix seeds.
  The Latin name for the plant that grows this seed is *Coix lacryma-jobi* where *lacryma-jobi* is "Job's tears" in English. It's a leafy annual grass native to tropical Asia. It grows three to ten feet high and produces these gray and off-white, hard, shiny, tear-shaped beads that enclose the seed kernels.

9. **Bill Burd** showed part of a small hoard of serial numbered silver art bars picturing landmarks:
   - ☐ First National Bank, #000000
   - ☐ Art Institute, #000001 (two of them!)
   - ☐ Water Tower, #000001 (two of them!)
   - ☐ Buckingham Fountain, #000001
   - ☐ F.L.Wright - Robie House, #000001
   - ☐ Sears Tower, #000001
   - ☐ Hancock Building, #000002
   - ☐ First Wisconsin Center, #000000
   - ☐ FNB Crown Point, Indiana, #000001
   - ☐ Ann Arbor, Michigan, #000001
   - ☐ ANA convention in LA. The engraved membership number was traced to a Chicago resident.
10. Having returned that morning from a trip to Argentine, **Don Dool** used San Martin as his theme.
    - ☐ Three reproductions of 500 peso bank notes on El Banco de La Provincia de Buenos Aires. These were obtained at the bank's museum. All have the young portrait of San Martin.
    - ☐ Next, a current five peso note also with the young San Martin. These are being counterfeited, Don had one refused at a coffee shop but accepted at a McDonalds. The digits of the serial number are in ascending size.
    - ☐ A philatelic souvenir sheet issued in 1950 on the centenary of San Martin's death.
    - ☐ But best of all, Don had been looking both in the US and with a

friend in Argentina for an item of Scripolophy pertaining to San Martin. The first dealer that Don visited in Buenos Aires had not one but three 500 pesos bond issues of El Banco "Union Nacional". The issue is dated Julio (July) 1 de 1889. The interest rate was 9%. Nineteen of the original coupons are still attached. Each coupon is in the amount of 22 pesos 50 centavos. These were redeemable on December 21st and June 20 starting in 1890 and ending in 1899; the bank stamp on the coupons probably indicates that after the first one they were all paid at one time.

Birthday and Year Joined

May 2	Donn Pearlmann	1979
May 3	Roy R. Grundy	1981
May 5	Dennis Fuller	1997
May 8	Sharon Blocker	2000
May 10	Marty Vink	1952
May 11	William A. Burd	1993
May 11	Jeffrey Rosinia	1995
May 15	Jay M. Galst	1991
May 17	Shirley Valenziano	1984
May 17	Paul R. Hybert	1994
May 23	Robert J. Weinstein	1991
May 25	John G. Ross	

Important Dates

The April meeting will consist of two sessions; the first session will end with a recess (instead of an adjournment), and we will reconvene for the second session at the CICF.

Apr **11** CCC Meeting (session #1) - Featured Speaker - Louis Jordan on *Recent Discoveries on John Hull and the Massachusetts Mint*
7:00pm, in downtown Chicago.

Apr **28** CCC Meeting (session #2) - 1pm at the annual Chicago International Coin Fair held at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel. Featured Speaker - David Hendin on *Biblical Coins: 1st Century BC - 2nd Century AD.*

Apr **27-29** 26th Annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel, 6600 N. Manheim Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5.

May **9** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Steve Feller on *Bank Notes from the Vault*

June **13** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Tom DeLorey on *1943 Bronze Cents and 1944 Steel Cents*

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A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of March 14, 2001.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes the Board meeting of February 21, 2001.

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President Carl Wolf introduced guest Stephen J. Huber. Steve's interests are in US coinage and German Talers.

1st Vice President Robert Feiler awarded Dennis Fuller and Drew Michyeta speaker awards for past presentations. Robert then introduced Louis Jordan and his presentation on the minting practices of the Massachusetts Mint of John Hull and John Hull's personal ledger of financial accounts.

Mr. Jordan illustrated the early history of coinage in Colonial America, touching upon the mechanisms that allowed Spanish Cobb coinage to circulate in the colonies. Crude minting practices allowed the cob coins to be

"shaved" and forced merchants to employ the use of scales in everyday transactions. The need for a reliable, uniform coin and the establishment of favorable exchange rates to keep Spanish silver in the colony were conditions that favored John Hull's mint.

Mr Jordan highlighted the decline in profitability of this enterprise by expanding and illustrating various journal entries in chronological order. Although this mint was operational from 1671 through 1682, all coinage bears the year of authorization to coin.

1st Vice President Robert Feiler presented Louis Jordan the featured speaker award and an ANA educational certificate.

Second Vice President Don Dool introduced the following individuals, who presented material during the meeting's Show and Tell:

1. Bill Burd presented a gold cube found in a false bottom of an antique cabinet imported from China. It weighed approximately .5 kilograms and was engraved with various designs.
2. Mark Wieclaw presented an elongated $2 Canadian bimetallic coin. Also presented were, a silver coin of Augustus bearing a crocodile motif, and a set of bronze coins of Constantine the Great.
3. Dennis Fuller presented a Commemorative coin of Paul Revere and a Civil War Patriotic token dated 1863.
4. Bob Leonard presented a holed, small planchet pine tree shilling and compared this to English coinage holed to revalidate it's weight. He speculated as to whether the pine tree shillings circulated in England.
5. Sharon Blocker presented a "Monopoly Back" United States Note, a 1965 Churchill 1 crown commemorative, a 2 pence titanium coin of Gibraltar and a ½ crown coin of Gibraltar with accompanying literature declaring it to be a 1 crown piece.
6. Drew Michyeta presented a New York State quarter.
7. Carl Wolf presented an example of "Hoe" money. Also shown was a publication of *An Ethnographic Study of Traditional Money* by Charles Opitz. The author is the brother of CCC member Nancy Wilson.
8. Bob Fieler presented a contemporary Coal mine token, an $.80 script note, a hand colored note dated 1972, a set of test notes - possibly a proposal for US currency, and finally a Pine Tree Shilling "Box Dollar".
9. Don Dool presented a 1/4 real from 1822, a 1/8 peso from Peru, an 1823 1/4 peso from Peru, a uniface token of unknown origin and a

fantasy piece made from a Netherlands 10 cent and a Spanish Centimo.

10. Guest Steve Huber presented a 3 Ducat coin of Munster picturing Charlemagne from approximately 1671.
11. Jeff Rosinia presented an Australian silver Proof.

The second reading for membership was made for Gary Lewis. A motion was made, seconded and passed to admit Gary Lewis as a member of the Chicago Coin Club.

Old Business:

Bob Leonard advised the club that he was nearly complete with the Obsidian Money souvenir to be available at the CICF.

Mark Wieclaw will chair the committee for planning the 1000th meeting of the club. It was noted that the 1000th meeting will fall in May of 2002.

New Business:

Carl Wolf noted that many members were meeting for dinner prior to the meeting at The Marquette and at Maxim's. It was agreed by all that these are open to all who wish to join, so feel free to meet at either spot.

Don Dool extended greetings from Bill Bierly who has relocated to Detroit. Don met Bill at the Central States Numismatic Society Show in Indianapolis.

Don advised the club that he exhibited in several categories and received several awards at the CSNS show. He was, however, very displeased by the disqualification of an exhibit for "failing to note items as reproductions". Don read to the club, text that was part of his exhibit that clearly stated what reproductions were used. Don felt that at least an apology was in order, as the judges' decisions are final. None were forthcoming. In the discussion that ensued, it was generally agreed that judging does seem inconsistent at times but the primary reason to exhibit is to share your collection with others.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to send a $25 dollar memorial for each member to the ANA educational fund.

A motion was made, seconded and passed, to recess the meeting at 9:10 PM. The 987th meeting will reconvene at the Chicago International Coin Fair at the Ramada Hotel, 6600 N Mannheim, in Rosemont on April 28th at 1 PM.

The speaker will be David Hendin who will discuss Coins of the Bible.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Daly

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President Carl Wolf reconvened the 987th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club at 1 pm Saturday April 28 at the Chicago International Coin Fair in Rosemont.

Carl told all in attendence how they could become members of the club by filling out an application that would be read at the current meeting. After a second reading at the next meeting they were eligible to become members.

Carl also noted that our meeting at the next CICF meeting would be the 1000th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club and that, as such, it would be a very special meeting.

First vice President Bob Feiler introduced our speaker, author on biblical and Jewish numismatics, David Hendin. David spoke eloquently on early Hebrew coinage through the second revolt. He also touched on archeology in the middle east.

After David's talk, Bob Feiler presented him with our featured speaker medal and an ANA education certificate. Bob then talked about upcoming speakers at future Chicago Coin Club meetings.

David Harper, editor of the Numismatic News, then presented a Numismatic Ambassador award to Robert Julian for his life-long contributions to the world of numismatics.

Carl annouunced that the following five persons applied for membership in the Chicago Coin Club:

Cheryl H. Raff	Park Ridge, IL
Mark S. Holmes	Alexandria, NY
Richard M. Craig	Ontario, Canada
Steve Huber	Wayne, IL
John D. Wright	St. Joseph, MI

Carl introduced Bob Leonard who gave a short discription of the obsolete money handout, obsidian. One handout was given to each person at the meeting. Handout number 1 went to the club archives, number 2 to David Hendin, and number three to Bob Leonard, the author of the handout.

Carl then noted that two new clubs were meeting at the CICF, the Ancient Coin Club of Chicago, and the International Primitive Money Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13.

Submitted by Mike Metras, acting secretary

Important Dates

May 9 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Steve Feller on *Bank Notes from the Vault*

June 13 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Tom DeLorey on *1943 Bronze Cents and 1944 Steel Cents*

July 11 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Bob Leonard on *Fruit Picker Tokens from Coast to Coast*

Dues Are Due

If you paid your 2001 dues by early April, you should have your membership card by now. Either it was distributed at the April 11 meeting in downtown Chicago, or it is enclosed with this issue of the *Chatter*. If you wish to continue membership but have not paid yet, please send $10 to the club's mailbox, listed at the end of this issue.

Speaker's Wor[l]d
John Hull and the Massachusetts Mint

Presented by Louis Jordan to our April 11 meeting.

This talk concentrated on the pine tree coinage. After setting the political, economic, and monetary stage, Louis Jordan reviewed what is currently known about John Hull and the operation of the mint in Massachusetts.

The first mint in the western hemisphere was established in Mexico City in the 16th century, with more mints later established in other parts of Spanish America. These mints produced a crude coinage using the abundant local gold and silver deposits. The coins then were shipped to Spain, but many were lost to pirates, shipwrecks, and local commerce.

The silver 8 reales cob coins arrived in Massachusetts via trade with the West Indies. The coins' rough shape made clipping a common event; it is estimated that instead of the original 420 grains, only 360 grains remained by the time they arrived in New England. Local commerce was complicated by the small amount of circulating silver which traded by weight. To alleviate that problem the Massachusetts General Court, in 1652, decided to open a local mint, to melt down the crude pieces and make more consistant pieces. To induce coin flow to New England, the value of an 8 reales cob was declared as 60 pence (5 shillings) as oposed to the 54 pence (4sh., 6 pence) value then current in the West Indies.

The plan worked well. But then West Indies locations caught on, and increased the value of cobs during the 1660s. The last hold out was Jamaica in 1671. In response to the slowing flow of silver into Massachusetts, in 1672

a cob was valued at ~~84~~ 72 pence.

The final mint contract, covering the period June 1675 to June 1682, was awarded to John Hull, a prominent citizen and silversmith. A personal ledger of John Hull, covering the years 1671-1680 has survived; this ledger is the middle of five such ledgers. The surviving ledger, along with three other volumes also maintained by John Hull, was donated to the New England Historic Genealogical Society on November 30, 1861. The other three volumes are the detailed payments accounts of Massachusetts Bay for King Philip's War, and are well known and used by the students of early Massachusetts history. Louis told us a story, of when he visited the Society and requested to view the microfilm of Hull's personal ledger; the response was along the lines of "You do not want that, the other three are the important ones."

Having set the stage, Louis proceded to use ledger entries to make a number of points. The terms "shop" and "mint house" were used interchangeably in the accounts for both supplies and for silver, supporting the belief that the mint was located on the family homestead. The time between a deposit of bullion and the corresponding payment of coin to the depositor gives us data needed for calculating the mint's production rate, and the amounts show how profitable, or not, making money could be.

Space constraints limit the information that can be presented here. Although an article is planned for the *Colonial Newsletter*, Louis has placed an excellent study of John Hull, the mint, and the economics of Massachusetts coinage on the web at
http://www.coins.nd.edu/ColCoin/ColCoinIntros/MAMintDocs.studies.html

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Speaker's Wor[l]d
Biblical Coins

Presented by David Hendin to our April 28 meeting at CICF.

Using slides to prompt his comments, David Hendin touched on various persons and events from the biblical era. The first coin, from the 4th century BC, is believed by many to depict a deity on the reverse. A graven image on a coin? Remember that at that time the Jewish religion was one of many cult religions in the middle east. Mention was made of a coin from Tarsus with a "typical" figure of Zeus, but the legend says Baal. These coins showed the

interaction between the religions of the time.

A coin of Samaria, with a man playing a lyre on the reverse, was shown while the parallel nature of the Jewish and Samarian religions weas noted; each had its own temple on its own mount. A hemi-obol bearing an ear on one side and a falcon on the other led to some possible meanings; the ear of God? the falcon representing Horus?

Only one piece of mint equipment was shown; a slab of limestone with equally spaced holes along a shallow groove, with a small hole at the center of each large hole. This was the mold for planchets, with the molten metal poured into each groove producing a strip of planchets. A slide showing the obverses of some common Widows mites was interesting, but the next slide (of their reverses) showed all to be brockages. Not so common.

A number of coins from the Herodian dynasty were next, starting with one issued by Herod the Great. It bears a galley on one side and an anchor on the other, and it commemorates the establishment of Caesarea (Herod's first sea port) in 10BC. Herod also issued a coin bearing an eagle, making it the first graven image on a Jewish coin. Herod Philip, a son of Herod, was the first to place his own image on a Jewish coin, in 1 AD.

The coinage was thr product of just a few die masters with many apprentices, as shown by the typically rough execution and many errors; this was definitely a circulating coinage meeting a pressing need. No statuary of Jewish kings was made, for they would have been considered graven images. The resulting lack of skilled local sculptors helps explains the rough appearance of the local coins.

A Bar Kochba coin overstruck on a Judea Capta coin was shown; this was another of those coinsthat grabbed the audience's attention. The next slide could tell an interesting story. The 1st or 2nd century oil lamp with its contents upon excavation: 4 gold aurei, 5 silver denarii, and 7 Bar Kochba coins; conjectured to have been a Roman soldier's savings and campaign mementos. The last slide pictured a square Byzantine weight bearing a portraint of Saint Paul of Tarsus. Some of these items were some of the additions made to the recently released fourth edition of David's *Guide to Biblical Coins*.

Our 988th Meeting

Date: May 9, 2001

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Bank One Plaza Building (formerly the First National Bank Building) 18th Floor, on Dearborn between Madison and Monroe. Enter the building at the South entrance of the Dearborn side, sign in at the security desk and take the elevator to the 18th floor.

Featured speaker: Steve Feller - *Bank Notes from the Vault*

In this presentation banknote enthusiast Steve Feller will tell of every collector's dream phone call. It went something like this from the Coe College business office, "We were searching the vault and came across a tattered envelope with some old bank notes in it. Would you be interested in seeing them?" Was he?! After ascertaining that the first note in the bunch was a Continental Currency note of 1778 issued in Baltimore Steve's appetitie was whetted. There were over a dozen interesting notes which will be described. They came from around the world. The rest of the story will also be told in which a folded letter in the vault from B. Max Mehl in 1932 led to the identity of the collector and his most interesting relationship to the college.

Birthday and Year Joined

June 1	Russ Reaves	1995
June 7	Harlan J. Berk	1995
June 11	Joseph A. Piekarczyk	1991
June 12	Rosalind Ryant	1977
June 27	James Simek	1973

Show and Tell

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1. **Bill Burd** started us with a recent acquisition, a cube of gold from China. It weighs about ½ kilo and is about 6 Kt. The six surfaces of the cube show: a dragon on one side, a portrait of a Chinese man on one side, a Phoenix bird on two sides, and the last two sides have a diamond insignia denoting reign of Kuang-hsu (1875-1908); the Chinese characters around the outer edge of the diamond loosely translate to "Made during fifth year of reign." This cube was found in a false-bottom drawer in a recently imported cabinet.
2. **Mark Wieclaw** showed a variety of pieces:
   - ☐ A bi-metallic Canadian $2 piece, elongated at ANA 1999.
   - ☐ An as of Augustus, with a chained crocodile on the reverse representing victory over Egypt. This somewhat porous specimen also shows lines in the reverse field.
   - ☐ A set of six bronze coins of Constantine the Great and family. No legend on the obverse, only on the reverse. The obverses show Constantine, his mother, his wife, and three of his four sons; no issue was made for Constans, the youngest son. Antioch was the only mint to produce all six designs; other mints produced only some types. This recent aquisition completed Mark's type set.

3. As a followup to his talk in January, **Dennis Fuller** showed a patriotic 1863 Army & Navy token in nice condition. In addition to his interest in the Civil War, Dennis has been collecting commemorative coins for more than 20 years, and showed a 1975 Paul Revere commemorative

from the American Revolution Bicentennial.

4. In honor of tonight's program **Bob Leonard** showed a "1652" Pine Tree shilling, made by John Hull in Boston circa 1675-1682 (Noe 16). He also showed a copy of Noe's monograph, *The Pine Tree Coinage of Massachusetts*, and Madam Knight's Journal of 1704, which describes Pine Tree coins being in circulation then, over 20 years after the mint closed. Since his Pine Tree shilling is holed in the center, which is most unusual, he brought his Charles I halfcrown of 1643 (which was pierced in the center to allow continued circulation, in 1695, and shown at our February meeting) for comparison. He would be interested to learn whether anyone thinks that the center piercing on the Pine Tree shilling indicates use in ENGLAND in 1695.

5. **Sharon Blocker** started off by showing a 1928 one dollar silver certificate found by her grandfather while cleaning an old locker in the attic. Other items shown included:
    - A 1965 Churchill crown from Great Britain. Sharon was attracted to the piece by the low relief of the design.
    - A blue titanium coin produced by the Pobjoy mint in 2000 for Gibraltar, commemorating the 160th anniversary of penny postage.
    - A ½ crown from Gibraltar, bearing a hologram. While advertised and sold as a 1 crown piece, the denomination is ½.
6. We all know **Drew Michyeta** as a collector of coins showing the Statue of Liberty. He showed the most recent piece, the commemomorative state quarter for New York, and mentioned that he had been uncertain whether or not the stutue would appear on the New York quarter; seeing as how the statue is located in the state of New Jersey.
   Drew also told us of the planned future reverse designs for the US

platinum pieces. Instead of his prevously predicted "eagle over Rockies" we will see an "eagle over cactus," and instead of an "eagle over the Golden Gate" we will see "eagle picking up a seal or something from the water." Drew did not seem happy with the announced designs.

7. **Carl Wolf** continued on his theme of primitive money by showing a piece of Hoe Money from Nigeria. This hoe-shaped iron plate was a common form of currency in Nigeria from ancient times into the nineteenth century. It came in many shapes and frequently played an important part in the negotiations when a wife was purchased. The shown piece differed in style from the piece Carl showed a few months ago.

   Carl then showed the recently published 4th edition of a book, by Charles Opitz, on primitive money. This edition lacks prices (which are included in a supplement), but it is well illlustrated.

8. **Bob Feiler** showed his varied interests with:
   - ☐ A Davey's Token acquired on a recent trip to Scranton, Pennsylvania; it shows a coal mine cart, but shows no value.
   - ☐ 1652 Mass. Pine Tree Shilling BOX DOLLAR, manufactured for the New England 1920's Tercentenary celebration.

   - ☐ 80 cent odd denomination scrip from Southern Mining Company of Colmar, Kentucky.
   - ☐ $50 Bill 1850's Citizens bank of Louisiana; hand colored (1973 reprint?).
   - ☐ Set of six denominations "De La Rue" test notes brightly colored. Denominations of $1, $5, $10, $20, $50 and $100; possibly test notes for the proposed new United States Currency?

9. Another member continuing themes from past meetings was **Don Dool**

with:

- Peruvian provisionals
  - 1822 Quarto de Real. Obverse: Radiate sun. Reverse: ???PROVISIONAL??? 1822, ¼ in field. Krause 135; Craig 121; Eklund 253; Medina 158.
  - 1823 Octavo de Peso. Obverse: Llama before mountains, liberty staff to left, sun in rays above. Reverse: REPUBLICA PERUNA; M (monogram of Lima mint mark); 1823. In center, OCTAVO DE PESO. Krause 137; Eklund 254. This is not one of the 1923 restrikes using the original dies, as those ugly pieces are struck from very rusted dies.
  - 1823 Quarto de peso. Krause 138; Eklund 255. Obverse: Llama before mountains, liberty staff to left, sun in rays above. Reverse: REPUBLICA PERUNA; M; 1823. In center, QUARTO DE PESO. The Liberty staff is said to honor Jose de San Martin who had been Protector of Peru.
- A uniface copper token with a large 2 in the center with the legend, BRAUGENOSSEN ZEULEENRODA
- A fantasy piece made from the obverse of a silver Netherlands ten cent coin, either 1898 or 1901, and the obverse of an 1870 Spanish centimo.

10. Our guest for the evening, **Steve Huber**, showed a recent acquisition: a 3 ducat gold piece from Munster (1661-1678) featuring a bust of Charlemagne on one side.
11. **Jeff Rosinia** concluded the program by showing the closest approximation to an Easter bunny he could find; a silver one-ounce piece from Australia honoring the Year of the Rabbit.

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Minutes of the 988th Meeting

The 988th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order on May 9, 2001 at 7:02PM by President Carl Wolf.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to, and approve the minutes of April 11, 2001.

Secretary/Treasurer Lyle Daly gave a treasury report as follows:

Dreyfus Money Market	$1792.31	
Bank One CD	1357.09	due 9/01
Bank One CD	1355.17	due 7/01
TCF Checking Account	2832.53	
Un-deposited Funds	32.00	
TOTAL	$7369.10	

President Carl Wolf introduced 2nd time guest Stephen J. Huber. Steve's interests are still in US coinage and German Talers.

1st Vice President Robert Feiler introduced Steve Feller and his presentation *Bank Notes from the Vault*.

Mr. Feller's employer, the Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, asked him to review a series of banknotes that were discovered in their vault. The notes included a $7 Continental Currency, French Revolutionary, Mexican Revolutionary (2), Canadian, Swedish and Nebraska Broken Bank notes. Also included was a piece of Chinese knife money. These were interesting but the papers in which they were discovered revealed a letter from famous numismatist B. Max Mehl to a Reverend Louis Bookwater.

Mr. Feller was able to trace the history of the Reverend through college records and determined that he traveled extensively after his retirement and had taught in China. Evidence indicates the notes to be his and a donation to the university upon his death.

Mr. Feller finished a few minutes early and discussed his trip to the Isle of Mann to study Internment Camp Script. Throughout World War II, Mann was used as a camp for German nationals and later as a prisoner of war camp.

1st Vice President Robert Feiler presented Steve Feller with the featured speaker award and an ANA educational certificate.

Second Vice President Don Dool introduced the following individuals, who presented material during the meeting's Show and Tell:

1. Reid Geisler presented a Roman coin of Constantine found in circulation! He also presented a counterfeit state quarter, a New York quarter on a cracked planchet, a New York quarter on a dime planchet, and a set of off center North Carolina quarters.
2. Dick Hamilton presented the Bulgarian War bond he has been attempting to translate for several months. A translation revealed this to be a 100,000 Leva "Jewish Indemnity Bearer Bond".
3. Carl Wolf presented Brick Tea money. This form of primitive money is from Tibet and China.
4. Bob Feiler presented a counterfeit Morgan dollar, a 10,000 mark Notgeld coin, and the largest and smallest silver coins of the 20th century.
5. Mike Metras presented selections from his collection of "coins that feel like coins". This included a Chinese 50 cash coin, a Roman coin of Ptolemy, a 1797 2 Pence, a large US cent, a Maria Theresa Taler, a 10,000 mark coin and a Katanga cross. Mike also presented his computer generated 1964 Peace Dollar to remind all to be aware of what can be advertised on the internet.
6. Bob Leonard presented coins from the Middle East, from the late 15th and early 16th centuries.
7. Steve Huber presented a six coin proof set that included 1 half-, 2 one- and 1 two-Taler coins and 2 twenty mark coins that were owned by the Royal Family of Schaumburg Lippe (area in Prussia).
8. Mark Weiclaw presented a Roman bronze coin of Antioch and 2 tetradrachams from Alexandria.

9. Don Dool presented two Paraguayan 1845 1/12 reals, one from the Heaton mint and one from Asuncion, and two purchases from CICF; a 1633, double tournois French provincial from Phalsbourg and Lixheim and a 1642 menut issued by the Catalonian city of Oliana during the French occupation.

The second reading for membership was made for Steve Huber, Mark Holmes, Richard Craig, John Wright and Cheryl Raff. Motions were made, seconded and passed to admit Steve Huber, Mark Holmes, Richard Craig, John Wright and Cheryl Raff as members of the Chicago Coin Club.

Old Business:
The CCC presentation description was accidentally omitted from the CICF program. Club members printed self adhesive labels describing the presentation and applied them to the program. A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay for these labels out of the club treasury.

Carl Wolf relayed an incident that occurred at CICF in which an individual attempted to steal from the bourse admission stand. This individual returned the next day (after making bail?) and inquired about club membership. All members should be aware of this and verify all inquiries for membership.

New Business:
Mark Weiclaw commended the professionalism and willingness of the CICF speaker, David Hendin, to share information.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow the Club Secretary Lyle Daly to cast the club vote for CCC members only, for ANA President, Vice President and Board member positions when the ballot arrives.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Daly

Speaker's Wor[l]d
Forgotten Bank Notes from the Vault

Presented by Steve Feller to our May 9 meeting.

One day, while Steve was at work at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the college's business office phoned him and asked, "We were searching the vault and came across a tattered envelope with some old bank notes in it. Would you be interested in seeing them?" Of course he was!

The first note in the bunch was a crisp unc $7 Continental Currency Baltimore series of February 26, 1777 (25,000 issued). No more notes were issued in Baltimore because soon thereafter, the British evacuated Philadelphia and the Continental Congress moved to there. The next note was from the French Revolution; many are quite common today, and readily available to collectors.

At this point Steve passed around the current issue of the IBNS journal (Steve is the editor), and mentioned that he had written an article about this find for a previous issue. This talk did not just list each note and tell something interesting about it; Steve also recounted what he was thinking as he examined the group, and the questions he was asking himself. The hunt for answers to those questions was both entertaining and a review of a good approach to research.

Two well worn 1915 notes from the Mexican Revolution, 5 and 20 pesos, were not particularly valuable, but were of great historical interest. A crisp $1 Canadian note was next; although all modern Canadian notes use both French and English together, at that time the same note design would be issued in two styles: all English and all French. Nebraska is just west of Iowa, so a well used 1856 $1 issued broken bank note was not a surprise in this group. It was from the Fontenelle Bank of Belleview, Nebraska Territory. A surprising piece in this group was a piece of Chinese Knife money, attached with screws to a block of wood. Unfortunantely, the screws were tightened so much that the piece of money cracked.

Steve estimated the group as worth $500 to $1000, with most of the value in just a few pieces. But where did the group come from? As Steve returned the ite ns, he asked if there was anything else. As the staff placed the items back into the original box, they replied, "No, just a few papers."

A letter, dated Nov. 10, 1932, from B. Max Mehl to a Mr. Bookwalter. On Mehl's letterhead, the body had both left and right margins flush and appeared to be printed, while the salutation was typed. (Steve and some members wandered off on a tangent, wondering if Mehl's signature were made by machine or Mehl's own hand.) The body of the letter consisted of some circumspect comments on the result of the recent US presidential election, and then congratulated the addressee on winning some lots in a recent auction. However, the lack of invoice or packing list provided no clue as to the collecting interests of Mr. Bookwalter. And who was this Mr. Bookwalter?

Steve's search of college records turned up a Reverend Louis Bookwalter; Western College, class of 1871 and president 1894-1904. (Western College was a predecessor of Coe College.) We saw his donation card kept by the alumni association, and his obituary told how he had travelled the world at age 72, and had taught for two years in China. He died on November 30, 1935. The group we saw could have been acquired through his travels, or it might have been a life-time of mementos. There was no mention of the rest of his collection, or what ever happened to it.

This was a good example how one fact can lead to another, and then another; what can be found by just scratching the surface. That theme was followed in the last part of Steve's talk, about notes from World War II internment camps on the Isle of Mann. He and a student had gone there to investigate, resulting in an article in *The Numismatist*. An initial visit to the Manx Museum to view their wonderful collection of camp notes was followed by a visit to some of the buildings used as internment camps.

There were at least 10 Manx camps, all constructed along the same lines; take a large Victorian era hotel (or row of hotels), and place a fence around it. Most are still used as hotels today. Steve recounted his direct way of doing research; go to a hotel and ask, "Did you know this was a camp? Do you have anything from that period?" The reply at the first hotel was, "Yes. We were just clearing out the floorboards; care to have a look?" Steve left that hotel with a plastic bag of items, icluding Red Cross stickers from parcels, and a German language camp newspaper announcing an Atom bomb drop. The visit to the next hotel yielded no items directly, but Steve was directed to the previous manager who had a large collection (this fellow was also the source for much of the collection at the Manx Museum), and then Steve was introduced to the foremost numismatist of the area. So Steve and his colleague scanned like crazy.

Steve concluded by explaining how his interest in collecting Concentration Camp money led him to Internment Camp money, and in response to a question stated that of the 500 camps in the US, 60 are known now to have issued money.

Ancient Coin Club of Chicago

by Mark Wieclaw

For those of you interested in a club specifically devoted to the study of ancient greek, roman, and byzantine coins this organization may be of interest to you.

The A.C.C.C. is actually more of a discussion group than a traditional club. Each month a specific topic is discussed, although there has been some straying. So far the topics have centered on "The legionary denarius of Marc Antony", and "The history of antoninianus".

Meetings take place in the offices of Harlan J. Berk, 13th floor of the Chicago Temple Building, located at the corner of Clark and Washington St.. The group meets the third monday of each month at 7:00 pm (food ordered in) with discussion beginning at 8:00 pm

For more information contact Harlan J. Berk, LTD (312)609-0018, or refer to the club's web site at http://sknapp.simplenet.com/accc/

Important Dates

June	**13**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Tom DeLorey on *1943 Bronze Cents and 1944 Steel Cents*
July	**11**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Bob Leonard on *Fruit Picker Tokens from Coast to Coast*
August	**8**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - to be announced
September	**12**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Bruno Rzepka on *Art of Steel Engraving*

Show and Tell

Each image has a scale in the lower-left corner, with the tics spaced 1 mm apart. Because the brightness and contrast were manipulated on a computer, the coloring of a coin's image differs from the coin's actual coloring.

1. **Reid Geissler** started us off with items recently acquired from circulation and commerce:
    - ☐ A Roman coin of Constantine, found in suburban Chicago. It was received as a Lincoln cent.
    - ☐ An atrocious attempt at counterfeiting a US state quarter. It has no reverse image, and the obverse is incuse.
    - ☐ A real New York state quarter struck on a planchet with a crack.

    - ☐ Another New York state quarter, but this time the Statue of Liberty is perfectly centered on a dime planchet.
    - ☐ A group of six off-center North Caroline quarters, struck off-center in different directions.
2. For many months, **Richard Hamilton** has been trying to translate a Bulgarian Bond that had been mailed to the club's Post Office Box last year. This 50,000 Leva bearer bond paid no interest intially; each coupon would return principal. An overprint indicates that a 3% interest rate was paid starting in 1946. These Jewish Indemnity War Bonds are known in denominations from 1,000 to 100,000 Leva. The stories he told of trying to translate the bond were entertaining, and Richard's final identification of this post World War II bond as intended to compensate Jewish people for property confiscated earlier

brought some further observations from our featured speaker for the evening, Steve Feller.

3. **Carl Wolf** exhibited an example of Brick Tea Money acquired at the CICF. Tea compacted into bricks served as currency in Asia during most of the 19th century and into the late 20th century. Chinese companies produced these tea bricks, but the Russians and English also set up factories in China to manufacture this unusual currency. The process was simple. Tea leaves were sun-dried, beaten with sticks on hot plates, sifted, steamed over boiling water, pressed into moulds and left to dry for several days.
   The bricks seen here each weigh 2.5 pounds and were created sometime after 1949 when Communist China came to power and began to control production. The front shows a gateway with a star, trees on both sides and at the bottom a two-line inscription in Chinese. The first line reads "China National Tea Corporation," the communist state owned tea monopoly. Line two reads "Made by the Zhaoliqiao Brick Tea Factory." Zhaoliqiao is a town in southeastern Hubei Province where these tea bricks were first produced. At some point production moved to Shanghai, but the name remains. The backside shows a grid subdividing the brick into sixteen equal parts allowing it to be broken into fractions.
   The same moulds were used from 1949 to present day, so a modern piece cannot be dated to any particular year.
   The size and weight of brick tea made it an inconvenient medium of exchange, but at one time it was the ordinary currency of Asian traders and travelers. A tea brick was not merely worth a rupee - it was a rupee. It was legal tender and was accepted as readily as a silver coin.
4. Once again, **Bob Feiler** treated us to a range of items:
   - ☐ Counterfeit 1893 Morgan Silver Dollar acquired while on a trip to Pennsylvania.
   - ☐ 1923 10,000 Mark German Notgeld brass token with Rearing Stallion.
   - ☐ 1929 book on the Guttag collection, and 1516-1556 Silver One Real from Mexico City Mint, Carlos & Joanna; first coin of the Americas.

- ☐ Two piece coin set from Panama in a custom Capital Plastic holder. "Largest and Smallest Silver Coins of the 20th Century" Consisting of: one very large (2½ inch) diameter proof silver 20 Balboa dated 1971 and one extremely small 2½ Centesimo dated 1904, "The Panama Pill".

5. **Mike Metras** used coins that feel like money as his theme. He showed, and passed around, the following pieces:
   - ☐ Chinese 50 Cash
   - ☐ 42 mm bronze coin of Ptolomy IV
   - ☐ Roman As Grave
   - ☐ 1798 British Two Pence
   - ☐ Large Cent
   - ☐ Maria Theresa Thaler
   - ☐ Katanga Cross

   Mike also showed an image of a US silver dollar date 1964; he had created the image by combining parts of images of dollars date 1924 and 1926. After some discussion, he concluded with words of warning; that there are both good and bad things out there, at both established dealers and eBay.
6. An unattributed countermarked gold coin acquired from Spinks in London was the starting point for **Bob Leonard**. In 1489 Venice acquired Cyprus, but issued no coins for it; countermarked silver coins of Cyprus (1512-1518) are known. Bob's unique coin appears at first to have a Christian cross on a Mamluk gold coin, but it is really a counterstamped X, for ten, to revalue it to 10 Cypriot bezants, circa 1518. The undertype is a Mamluk ashrafi of Qa'itbay.

For reference, Bob also showed an uncountermarked Mamluk ashrafi of Qa'itbay, 1468-1496.

a debased ashrafi of Qansuh II, of the type issued 1512-1515, and an Ottoman sultani of Sulayman the Magnificent minted in Cairo 1520-1566.

Bob concluded by showing a paper on Cypriot gold countermarks from the *Numismatic Chronicle* and pages from a Spink Taisei auction catalog showing that this coin was offered for sale in Zurich in 1991.

7. **Steve Huber** visited an auction house while in Germany on business. Finding nothing of interest after looking through much stock, he asked if there was anything else available. Oh, just a recent acquisition of duplicates from the collection of the Schaumburg-Lippe Royal Family. So he showed us some beautiful pieces from the 19th century: 1821 ½ Taller, 1860 and 1865 Talers, 1857 double Taler, a gem 1874 20 Mark, and a proof 1898 20 Mark.

8. Some ancient coins were shown by **Mark Wieclaw**:
    - ☐ Although many bronze coins are known with family members facing each other, Philip I and Philip II are shown with jugate busts on a coin from Antioch;
    - ☐ a tetradrachm of Hadrian with his wife Sabina on the reverse, from Alexandria with Greek legends;

    - ☐ and another tetradrachm from Alexandria, this one of Marcus Aurelius (161-180AD) with his wife Faustina Jr. on the reverse

9. **Don Dool** continued previous themes with coins from South America, and two European coins acquired at CICF:
    - ☐ Paraguayan 1845 1/12 reals from both the Heaton and Asuncion mints. The mintage for the local issue is 288,000 vs. 2,888,000 for the Heaton coins. Krause 1.1 and 1.2, Eklund 336, Neumann III 22532, Yeoman 1. The obverse shows a lion seated before a liberty staff, within wreath; a Liberty Cap is on the staff.

- ☐ French provincial from Phalsbourg (Phalzburg) & Lixheim, 1633, Double Tournois. Eklund 50, Neumann N37008, B. 1604? Obv: HENR. D. LOR. PRIN. PHAL. ET. LIX, bust to right. Rev: DOVBLE. TOVRNOIS. 1633, eight fleurs-de-lis. Henrietta de Lorraine, 1630-1635. These are listed as French feudal coins in Eklund; there are 12 states and Don now has coins from eight.
- ☐ Oliana, 1642, Menut. Eklund 129 Obv: VILLA 1642; head to right, laureated. Rev: OLIANA. Cross cantoned by annulets and pellets. Issued during French occupation of Catalonia, 1641-1652. Louis XIII. Eklund lists about 18 cities that struck coins during this period and rates most of them from rare to extremely rare; this is one of the extremely rare ones.

10. **Lyle Daly** concluded the program with a brief summary of his April trip to Greece, where he visited the Numismatic Museum of Athens and saw some ancient hoards.

Our 989th Meeting

Date:	June 13, 2001
Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	Bank One Plaza Building (formerly the First National Bank Building) 18th Floor, on Dearborn between Madison and Monroe. Enter the building at the South entrance of the Dearborn side, sign in at the security desk and take the elevator to the 18th floor.
Featured speaker:	Tom DeLorey - *1943 Bronze Cents and 1944 Steel Cents*

An encore presentation of Tom's talk earlier this year in Baltimore, as part of the ANS' *Coinage of the Americas Conference*. It is the history of the two related transitional errors, plus a previously unreported 1942 trial cent.

Birthday and Year Joined

July 4	Chester Poderski	
July 12	Flemming Lyngbeck Hansen	2000
July 13	Gerard Anaszewicz	1981
July 19	Terry L. Capps	1996
July 19	John R. Connolly	1997
July 19	Richard S. Hamilton	1986
July 20	Kermit W. Wasmer	1997
July 27	David Simpson	1980

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Editor's Notes

This issue is early (and small) because I am leaving soon on a vacation, and the next issue will be a little late because my vacation will be long. With luck, that issue should arrive just before the August meeting. Will any local member attend the ANA summer seminar sessions in Colorado Springs? How about ANA in Atlanta? Would you like to submit a trip report? It need not be long and about everything, just your highlights and your impressions.

Paul Hybert, editor

Minutes of the 989th Meeting

The 989th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order on June 13, 2001 at 7:00PM by President Carl Wolf.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of May 9, 2001.

Secretary/Treasurer Lyle Daly did not have a detailed treasury report but stated that there was approximately $300 net increase in the TCF checking account.

President Carl Wolf welcomed guest Jean DeLorey.

1st Vice President Robert Feiler introduced member Tom DeLorey and his presentation *The 1943 Bronze Cents and 1944 Steel Cents.*

Tom discussed the history of events leading up to the use of zinc coated steel for the 1 cent coin. The war effort required extensive use of copper. Many types of substitute materials were considered, such as plastic or Bakelite, hard rubber, & glass. These were tested for bending and wear. Zinc coated steel was the winner.

Vendors made numerous cent patterns with "fantasy" dies. Tom had obtained and studied a pattern cent produced by the mint and discovered the cent was not from production dies, as the obverse rim was quite wide.

How did the 1943 bronze and 1944 steel cents come to exist? Tom proposed that bronze planchets were not left in feeder tubes as some speculate. That would presume the presses would remain configured for cents. Tom believed the planchets must have been left in the tote bins. This has occurred on several occasions with the mint. Similar errors occurred in the transition from silver to clad coinage, creating the 1964 clad & 1965 silver errors, and in the transition from Susan B Anthony dollars to Sacagewea dollars that created clad "Sackies" and Golden Susan B's.

The cents were probably legitimate errors, issued for circulation. Don Lutes discovered one specimen in 1947, in change from the high school cafeteria. The Lutes coin resurfaced in 1959. Another was found in change from a paper route. Some may have been intentionally produced. A female friend of John Sinnock brought one specimen of each date and mint to the market.

The popularity of this error gave rise to the unscrupulous practice of copper plating steel cents. Fortunately a magnet easily detects these frauds.

The 1943 bronze cents command a higher price with collectors. The combined grading service populations for 1943 bronze cents are 13 - P, 1 - D and 3 - S. The 1944 steel cents are priced in the $2 - $10 K range while the 1943 bronze cent has reached the $100,000 mark, making it the "King of American Error Coins".

Here is an interesting sidenote: although recycling for the war effort was extremely popular, the scrap from steel cent planchet production couldn't be recycled due to the zinc plating. One use for the waste "mesh" produced at the Denver mint was for reinforcement of sub standard plywood roof sheathing.

1st Vice President Robert Feiler presented Tom DeLorey an ANA educational certificate. A featured speaker award will be forwarded to Tom.

1st Vice President Robert Feiler advised members of the upcoming speakers:

Bob Leonard on *Fruit Picker Tokens from Coast to Coast* at the July meeting, we are looking for a speaker for the August meeting, Bruno Rzepka on *Art of Steel Engraving* at the September meeting, and Mark Weiclaw at the October meeting.

Second Vice President Don Dool introduced the following individuals, who presented material during the meeting's Show and Tell:

1. Reid Geisler presented double struck ten cent piece exhibiting two faces of Roosevelt. This was found in a bag of 1999D Dimes. The specimen had a "fuzzy" reverse; a possible die clash. Reid suspected a brockage strike.
2. Bob Feiler brought in a "potty piece". This was a trade dollar that had been altered to show Liberty, on a chamber pot, reaching for a roll of toilet paper rather than holding a branch.
3. Mike Metras brought a CD he compiled. This is a collection of articles published by the Elgin Club and serves as an introduction to coin

collecting. It will be offered to the public at the ANA show for $15.95. It is titled "Best of the Elgin Coin Club Newsletter".

4. Chester Poderski shared some memorabilia of gaming casinos. While in Reno Nevada sometime in the early 60's, Chet purchased some Casino Chips from coin shop. On a recent trip he bought a catalog for $30. Three of his chips, a $1, $5 & $25 were valued and sold at $800. This is the coming hobby. The secret is to get obsolete gambling chips not gaming tokens.
5. Carl Wolf presented a third type (different shape) of Nigerian Hoe money. Carl attended the wedding of club member Bill Grundy. Bill and his new bride were married in Seattle. Bill is a graduate of Stanford University, joined the Peace Corps, went through USC grad school and was just offered a position at Columbia. The club was toasted numerous times at the rehearsal & at wedding. While in Seattle, Carl went to Scott Semans' primitive money store. Carl shared photos of both events.
6. Mark Weiclaw presented a 1943 copper plated cent received in a bag of steel cents, a Cistophoric Tetradrachm of Hadrian, struck over a Cistophoric Tetradrachm of Augustus and a 0.504 ounce palladium coin from Tonga.
7. Bob Leonard brought in precious metal ingots, a portion of a silver finger bar from about 587BC and a gold bar from Celtic Britain weighing over 8 grams. This was hammered cut on one side and dates prior to 400 - 100 BC.
8. Bob Weinstien presented five examples of Republican coinage from barbarous states. Many incorporated non traditional obverse & reverse combinations. Most of the Roman coinage entering the market today has been unearthed in eastern Europe, primarily Bulgaria
9. Don Dool presented a foto of the 1642 menut issued by the Catalonian city of Oliana that he presented last month along with several other coins from German states dated from 1597 to 1622.
10. Tom DeLorey shared a Mexican 2.5 peso gold piece and a number of error tokens taken from a 1,300-lb lot purchased from CTA @ $1.50 per pound.
11. Jeff Rosina presented a 1$ Australian coin he purchased for 50cents and stated he would use it to communicate to the Australian performing artists living in the State Street display windows of Sears.

There were no readings for membership.

Old Business:
Mark Weiclaw, chairman of the planning committee for the 1000th club meeting, reminded committee members and the club of the upcoming planning meeting at Connie's Pizza on 6/19 at 7:00. Ideas for tokens, coins, medals, etc to commemorate this event are to be submitted to the committee by the August club meeting.

New Business:
Carl Wolf advised the ANA will propose Chicago as the site for the 2008 ANA Convention. Carl appointed Phil Carrigan and Bob Leonard to represent the club.

Brochures were received from the Gold & Silver Bureau, London, England and made available to the club.

Jeff Rosinia commended Paul Hybert for his spectacular work on the publication of the *Chatter* and the club website. Paul received a round of applause.

Mark Weiclaw made a general comment to the club that it is very important to document your collection and advise your heirs as to the value of your collection. Mark cited an example of a widow who spent countless hours cataloging essentially worthless foreign coins. A discussion ensued and members advised of similar stories of gold & silver in mason jars buried in the backyard, currency hidden in walls, in old washing machines, silver sold as scrap metal. The point of the discussion was to advise collectors to be considerate of their heirs and ensure our treasures go to heirs and not "discovered" years later by strangers.

All present enjoyed the conversation and it was agreed to include an open discussion period in the next meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Daly

Birthday and Year Joined

August	1	Reid J. Geisler	1995
August	2	William Swoger	1984
August	11	Clifford Mishler	1995
August	15	Steven R. Rodin	1991
August	19	Carl F. Wolf	1979
August	20	Melvyn Frear	1989
August	26	Tom DeLorey	1984
August	26	Donald H. Doswell	1960
August	29	James M. Rondinelli	1997
August	31	Clarence R. Wills	1999

Speaker's Wor[l]d
1943 Bronze Cents and 1944 Steel Cents

Presented by Tom DeLorey to our June 13 meeting.

What makes the 1943 bronze Lincoln Cent such a famous rarity? Tom DeLorey believes it is advertising. He related how as a youth, before he became interested in numismatics, he became aware of this coin through ads in comic books, right next to the ads for x-ray glasses.

Tom set the stage by reviewing how copper was deemed critical to the war effort, and how potential replacements materials were sought; bakelite, rubber, and cotton were some of the materials tried before a zinc-plated low-grade steel planchet was decided upon. The mint provivded dies for use by vendors of materials, to produce testing pieces. Most of the dies had a Liberty Head design, but Tom showed photos of a 1942 Lincoln Cent in white metal. This piece was not just a Trial Strike; Tom was the first to identify it as a Pattern as it was from a new die, having very wide obverse rims, almost touching the letters of IN GOD WE TRUST. Later in the meeting, we decided that the wide rims might have been intended to improve the coin's wearability, by compensating for the softer coinage material.

Steel cents were produced at the Philadelphia mint starting in February, 1943, and at the Denver and San Francisco mints starting in March. Now it is generally believed that the 1943 bronze cents were not the result of a stray planchet stuck in the feed mechanism of a coin press; there was a three month hiatus in the striking of cents (after 1942 bronze cents and before 1943 steel cents). The mints were producing large amounts of other coins during that period, and the presses could be used to strike other denominations simply by changing the feed mechanism and dies. The bronze planchets most likely were stuck in a planchet tote bin, and worked loose after the steel planchets were used.

That is similar to how the mint is believed to have produced current dollar coins in the wrong metal. 1943 cents also are known on silver (dime) planchets. 1944 steel cents are known, but they are not as well-publicized as the bronze cents.

Although these wrong metal errors had been rumored to exist, it was not until 1947 that the first one was discovered in Pittsburgh. A few others were discovered by 1956, and a 1943 bronze cent allegedly sold for $40,000 in 1959, but that seems unlikely.

The best current population estimates are:

1943 bronze	mint	1944 steel
13	Philadelphia	31
1	Denver	7
6	San Francisco	1

Tom concluded his presentation with some observations on availability. There are more auction appearances now, possibly as the original purchasers die. No one has formed a complete set of these bronze and steel error cents by mint; the owner of the sole 1943-D bronze cent is trying, as is the owner of the sole 1944-S steel cent.

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Featured speaker:	Bob Leonard - *Fruit Picker Tokens from Coast to Coast*

This covers the history of fruit picker tokens and tickets from the 1850s until very recently, including the economic reasons why they were issued and the political reasons why they had to be discontinued. Bob has been collecting fruit picker tokens in a small way, off and on, since the early 1970s. There are far too many tokens and tickets to show so the program gives the historical and economic basis for use in each state, illustrated by the most unusual and interesting tokens from it. Naturally, there is a great deal about the role of American railroads in the development of fruit growing, which led to the need for fruit picker tokens. If you have the least interest in railroading, labor legislation, immigration to America, or even agriculture, you will find this interesting.

Show and Tell

Each image has a scale in the lower-left corner, with the tics spaced 1 mm apart. Because the brightness and contrast were manipulated on a computer, the coloring of a coin's image differs from the coin's actual coloring.

1. **Reid Geisler** started us off with a recently acquired error coin, a 1999-D Roosevelt dime. The features were very weak; the coin appeared to have been smashed. Depending upon the angle of the lighting, Roosevelt would face to either the left or the right; and a slight trace of the bust also appeared on the reverse. We spent some time discussing how this might have been produced.
2. A tooled 1876 Trade Dollar in good condition was shown by **Bob Feiler**. The seated figure of Liberty now is on a toilet pot, and her hand is pulling on a roll of toilet paper.
3. **Mike Metras** brought in a CD he had cut the day before, titled *Money Meanderings*. This "Best of the Elgin Coin Club Newsletter" compilation contains both general and specialized articles, and is read using a web browser. New images are included on the CD, and this sharp looking CD costs only $15.99. Good work, Mike!.
4. Long-time club member **Chet Poderski** reported on a recent trip to Las Vegas. A week ago, Chet received a phone call from a friend attending the 9th annual Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club convention. His friend said, "Come on down here and sell some of your old stuff." And that is just what Chet did.
   But first Chet recounted stories of local respectable "social" clubs (judges, aldermen, and ward committeemen were members), and how he he had bought a large box of obsolete tokens in the early 1960s. So Chet took some pieces out to Vegas, arriving just as the convention was closing for that day.
   Remembering the saying "buy the book before the coin," Chet bought a catalogue of gaming tokens and chips, and then spent the night looking up his pieces. His very nice pieces, it turned out. He sold a set of three pieces for $800, and told us that this seems to be the next big thing. He also explained that the chips from closed establishments are the most desirable, and that tokens (made of metal) are not very expensive, while chips (made of ceramics and other non-metallic materials) can be very expensive.
5. **Carl Wolf** showed a framed piece of primitive money, and then told about his recent trip to Seattle. This was the third example of Nigerian Hoe money he has shown to the club. Although about 12 different shapes are described in early 20th century books, Carl's piece was of a new type, recently found in buried hoards.
   Carl and his wife Jennie had visited Seattle for the wedding of long-time club member Bill Grundy, and among his many remembrances of the wedding and reception was the thought, "I should have brought a framed piece of *bride money* for Bill's new in-laws." We also saw pictures of their visit to Scott Semans, a dealer in primitive money; stacks of bins of materials, overflowing book shelves, and bundles of beaded necklaces hanging on a wall. A member was heard to say, "No wonder he lost my letter!"

6. In honor of our featured speaker's talk, **Mark Wieclaw** brought in a genuine copper-plated 1943 steel cent; it was found in a bag of steel cents. Then he showed:
    - A Cistophoric Tetradrachm of Hadrian, struck over a Cistophoric Tetradrachm of Augustus;

    - A 0.504 ounce palladium coin from Tonga. This was part of a set of three 98% fine palladium coins; the first coins in that metal, as the edge inscription announces. Originally issued in 1967 for the king's coronation, this piece is from one of 400 sets countermarked for the king's 50th birthday. The small countermark is on the obverse, behind the king's head. Current bullion pieces are from Russia, and are .999 fine; making these Tongan pieces unpopular with refiners as mixing them with the Russian pieces would throw off that melt.
7. **Bob Leonard** brought in two pieces of ancient precious metal ingots of the type used as money:
    - Portion of a silver finger-bar from ancient Canaan, from before 587 BC. Hoards from that era include silver and bronze ingots.
    - A gold piece from Celtic Britain, weighing 8.00 grams. Bob noted that this was close to the 8.61 gram weight of Philips staters in Macedonia. The dating is hard; maybe 400-100 BC.
8. A number of barbarous imitations of Roman coins were shown by **Bob Weinstein**:
    - Some pieces from Eastern Europe using the quadriga reverse; this reverse was obviously popular as it was used with many obverses, even some which originally were not used with that obverse. The first piece had good style with a small spelling error in the legend, while the next had gibberish for the legend.
    - A foree found in England by a metal detectorist, who sold it to Bob.
9. **Don Dool** showed dated coins from some German states:
    - Aachen (city in the Rhine province), 1597, Double Bausche, Neumann I 6008, Menadier 168. Obv: Eagle within a wreath. Rev: 1597 over BB, eagle counterstamp. Unable to find reference for bausche denomination.
    - Erfurt (city in Saxony), 16Z1, XII (12) Scherf. Eklund 433, Leitzmann 500, Kraaz 1026. Obv: Spoked wheel in center, 16Z1 Erfort, half of

legend missing. Rev: XII (missing) Scherf. Partial hole on each side.

- ☐ Magdeburg (city in Saxony), 1621, Pfennig, Eklund 742, Kraaz 1092, Schrötter 1416. 1621 over Arms. Uniface.
- ☐ Nürnberg (city in Bavaria), 1622, Kreuzer. Eklund 944, Kellner 195. Obv: Arms, N above. Rev: 1 KREUTZ ER 1622.
- ☐ Mansfeld-Bornstedt Grafshaft (county) in Harz (16)Z1, Dreier (3 Pfennig), Count Bruno III, 1615-1644. Tornau 1282 var, Krause 56. Obv: Round four fold arms. Rev: Imperial orb, 3 divides date. 3 missing.

10. Someone with the Chicago Transit Authority called Harlan Berk's, trying to sell a group of coins and tokens from their vault. **Tom DeLorey** described the main parts as $25,000 in Canadian coins, and 1,300 pounds of tokens and coins from other countries bought at $1.50 per pound. The Canadian pieces were sent off to Canada, but only 10% of the rest has been examined so far. Each CTA token has three arc-shaped holes; the arcs were punched out first, then the round tokens were punched from a strip. Tom showed a number of error tokens such as adult-fare blanks, adult-fare token struck on a mispunched planchet (arcs are misplaced),

and various errors on discount-fare tokens. He also showed a 1945 Mexican 2 1/2 peso gold piece that had been placed into a fare box (as what?).

11. **Jeff Rosinia** showed an Australian one dollar coin and a newspaper story about a group of Australian performance artists who are living in a picture window of the new Sears store on State Street. (It is part of the grand opening promotions.) Jeff said something about stopping by the window after the meeting; we wish him well, and hope he is not arrested.

Important Dates

July	**11**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Bob Leonard on *Fruit Picker Tokens from Coast to Coast*
August	**8**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - to be announced
September	**12**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Bruno Rzepka on *Art of Steel Engraving*
October	**10**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Mark Wieclaw on *to be announced*

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Editor's Notes

My apologies for this late issue. A week before my recent vacation ended, our big computer at work died completely; that was on July 20, and the club's web site has been down since then.

The same computer provides the club's email list, so Carl Wolf has offered to construct a list of members who wish to receive notes. Please send your email address to Carl if you wish to be added to this list.
carlwolfco@msn.com
If you want to send a note to that list, send it to Carl and he will distribute it to the list. No one will see be able to see the email address of any other recipient; only Carl will know the addresses.

I look forward to a regular sized issue in September, including some members' trip reports from ANA in Atlanta!

Paul Hybert, editor

Minutes of the 990th Meeting

President Carl Wolf called the 990th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club to order on July 11, 2001 at 7:00 PM. The June Minutes as published in the *Chatter* were approved with one correction. Under the exhibit it stated that William Grundy had attended grad school at USC and it should have read that he received his Ph.D. from University of California, San Diego. In the absence of Lyle Daley, the club Secretary Treasurer, Jeff Rosinia gave the Treasurer's Report showing $7,369.10 in the treasury.

Robert Leonard was the featured speaker of the evening on the topic of *American Fruit Picker Tokens from Coast to Coast*. After the talk, Carl Wolf presented him with an engraved speaker's medal. Future speakers are: August 8th - Donald Dool *San Martin in Numismatics*; September 12th - Bruno Rzepka *The Art of Steel Engraving*; and October 10th - Mark Wieclaw *Morgan Type Carson City Silver Dollars*.

The exhibitors for the evening included:

1. Carl Wolf - framed Padre and Chief trade beads used as money from 17th - 20th century in western America.
2. Robert Weinstein - silver obol struck by the Sakas and copied from the Indo-Greek type of Eukratides; a silver hemi-drachm of anonymous issue struck by the Sakas; two drachmas struck by Saka King Artemidoros, one of silvered base metal and the second of good silver; and a fouree tetradrachm of Azes the Great.
3. Mark Wieclaw - cut coin (as) of Pompeii the Great; a Sassanian drachma of Varharan II (276-293 AD) with wife and son; a Walking Liberty Half-Dollar with "breast implants" punched from reverse.
4. Jeff Rosinia - the new Buffalo Dollar from the U.S. Mint and a Buffalo silver round.
5. Robert Leonard - the deluxe stamp album holding his paper fruit picker ticket collection.
6. Donald Dool - Panamanian Proof coins that included 1974 Franklin Mint nine piece set; 1971 5 Balboa struck for the Central America & Caribbean Games; 1972 5 Balboa struck as part of the FAO issue from the San Francisco Mint; 1975 100 Balboas that was the first coin minted in the U.S. after the illegal ban on gold ownership was removed; 1975 500 Balboas celebrating Vasco Nuñez de Balboa; and 1976 150 Balboas celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Panamanian Congress.

Under old business Mark Wieclaw, Chairman of the 1000th Meeting Committee, reminded members that the deadline for design ideas is the August 8th meeting. The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, July 17th at Connie's Pizza. After a discussion a motion was made and passed to submit a $500 deposit to the hotel to reserve the banquet room.

Carl Wolf reported a telephone conversation he had that afternoon with Jack Huggins, President of the Illinois Numismatic Association. Due to a limit of affordable space the Association won't have an increase in speaker time slots as was hoped. President Huggins, however, isstill looking for sme new

speakers dealing with general numismatic topics. The coin show is September 6-9 at the Park Place Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL and anyone interested in volunteering should contact Carl Wolf at 773-878-8979.

Robert Leonard asked who else was attending the upcoming ANA Convention in Atlanta and asked for the specific ANA Board meeting time when Chicago will be proposed for the 2008 convention. Carl Wolf took on the responsibility to get an answer to the question.

Under new business Jeff Rosinia was requested to make December 12th reservations at the Mid Day Club for the Club's Annual Banquet.

After all business was finished, a general discussion ensued. Jeff Rosinia showed a souvenir stamp packet where the stamps had fused together from humidity in the air. Several members shared similar stories and a discussion evolved around monitoring and viewing your collection on a regular basis to spot deterioration as soon as possible. Robert Leonard also brought up the concept that Virgil Brand portrait should be considered for our 1000th meeting medal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Carl Wolf, President and Acting Secretary

Speaker's Wor[l]d
American Fruit Picker Tokens from Coast to Coast

By Robert D. Leonard Jr., for our July 11 meeting.

For almost a century and a half-from the 1850's right up through very recently - tokens or tickets were considered an essential part of fruit farming. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, in *Farmers' Bulletin No. 213, Raspberries,* 1905, after discussing planting, cultivation, fertilizers, etc., advised growers that: "each picker is known by number and is furnished baskets or cups and a picking stand ... and as the baskets are filled and delivered to a receiving clerk, credit is given the picker either in the form of checks or other record by which a memorandum of the quantity picked by each is kept." These checks were originally metal tokens, but cardboard tickets and, more recently, plastic tokens or tickets have also been used. The tokens were later redeemed for cash, and often circulated locally. Over 2,500 fruit picker tokens are now known, but it is evident that many more remain to be discovered and attributed. All in all, fruit picker tokens are known from at least 24 of the lower 48 states.

While attractive aluminum picker tokens featuring plump strawberries were issued by a few places, most picker checks are utilitarian brass tokens or even cardboard tickets used by individual farmers. These colorful pieces are often hastily printed, with many typographical errors such as "Food for" in place of "Good for."

The earliest American pieces known are from Anne Arundel County, Maryland, beginning in 1853. They are simple iron discs stamped with initials, issued by John A. Hancock of Bodkin Point. Similar pieces are found with other symbols, and may be checks issued by other farmers. Joseph J. Sayre of Cincinnati issued store cards with a "Berry Check" reverse, listed as Fuld 165FE-1b in Fuld's *U.S. Civil War Store Cards*, but actually Sayre was apparently in business at this address only from about 1867 to 1876. Other checks of the post-Civil War period include brass tokens from Anne Arundel County, Maryland, beginning about 1870, and the holed checks patented in 1871 by A. A. Baker of Camden, New Jersey. All these pieces seem to have been used by farmers serving local markets.

However, with the railroad network essentially complete by 1890 and the invention of the refrigerated rail car, large-scale commercial growing of perishable berries became possible. While the first refrigerator car known to have been put in service began operating in June 1851, they did not become common until 1877 when Chicago meat packer Gustavus Franklin Swift used an improved design to ship dressed meat to the East. The refrigerator car was a key factor in the development of large farming areas in remote parts of the United States, particularly the Western citrus industry.

By the 1890's strawberry cultivation had become a staple in Southwest Missouri due to good market access by rail. In Sarcoxie, for example, commercial production began in 1883 and 200 carloads were shipped in 1897. Production on this scale required large numbers of metal tokens to pay the pickers, and the grower's associations arranged to have them redeemed by the local bank. Possibly the first Missouri strawberry tokens were issued by the Bank of Sarcoxie in the mid-1890's, as one of these is included in Wright's listing of 1899-1901 and the bank was renamed in 1900. During picking season these tokens circulated like money, and in 1922 the Secret Service took action against them. Later Missouri issues are cardboard tickets used by individual farmers.

In the 20th century, tokens and tickets were issued on a large scale by other strawberry centers such as Castleberry, Alabama, and Tangipahoa and Livingston Parishes, Louisiana; the cranberry industry in Grayland, Washington; and the dewberry growers of Moore County, North Carolina. Their usage continued into the 1990's, but now has been virtually eliminated by law. Agricultural workers were first covered by the Federal Minimum Wage act in 1966, though subject to a lower wage until 1978. When fully enforced, this law abolished piecework pay for farm laborers - and thus the need for fruit picker tokens. Beginning about 1983, a punch card system, in which both hours and production are recorded and pickers are paid weekly by check, has replaced tokens on all but the very smallest farms in Louisiana and Florida.

Fruit picker tokens reflect successive waves of immigrants who were glad to start at the bottom and accept such stoop labor jobs: Hungarians, Finns, Jamaicans, and Mexicans. Many were paid to African-American pickers, and a few were issued by Negro farmers. Others were paid to mere children, before the passage of child labor laws. In their unassuming way, they tell the story of American agriculture, railroading, immigration, even labor legislation. They were spent in tiny farm towns by poor migrant laborers or

local children - one of the few tangible remains of a vanished American family farm economy.

Birthday and Year Joined

September	1	Fred K. White	1991
September	2	John Wilson	1984
September	7	James M. McMenamin	1975
September	18	Michael M. Dolnick	1952
September	18	Gregory Gajda	1999
September	19	Russell F. Wajda	2000
September	21	Kerry K. Wetterstrom	1999
September	24	Michael A. Pesha	1979
September	25	Saul Needleman	1992
September	26	Dennis P. Ciechna	1999
September	27	Edward Stevens	1996
September	29	Gordon R. Donnell	1999

1000th Meeting Committee Update

by Mark Wieclaw

Topics discussed at the July 17, 2001 meeting included:

- The banquet room was accepted and a deposit was placed to hold the April 6 date.
- A menu for the banquet dinner was presented by Sharon Blocker and selections were chosen.
- Carl Wolf passed around several examples (different sizes and styles) of medallions from two of the companies he works with.
- Many ideas for give aways were discussed and will continue to be at future meetings.
- A speaker(s) has not been chosen yet but several names have been mentioned.
- Medal designs are to be turned in no later than the regular August C.C.C. meeting. A committee will then be selected to choose from those presented.

Important Dates

August	**8**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Donald Dool on *San Martin in Numismatics*
September	**12**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Bruno Rzepka on *The Art of Steel Engraving*
October	**10**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Mark Wieclaw on *Morgan Type Carson City Morgan Dollars*

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Editor's Notes

The club's web site is back up, at the old location; and this issue is nearly normal sized, even though the minutes from the August meeting are not here - they will be in the October issue.

Here is a reminder that the members' auction will be held on November 14. The next issue will give many details, but now is the time to think about making consignments. Due to the varied interests of the members, and realizing that at least two bidders are needed for an auction, some items do better than others. In the past, items generating the most interest were either related to our club or the Chicago area. Again this year, Bill Burd of Chicago Coin Company has agreed to receive items from members unable to attend the meeting. Please send me a list of items as soon as possible; those lists received by mid-October will be included in the November *Chatter* which will be mailed at least one week before the auction.

Paul Hybert, editor

Minutes of the 991st Meeting

will be in the October *Chatter*.

Speaker's Wor[l]d
General José San Martín
Liberator of Argentina, Chile and Peru
as
Depicted in Numismatics and Philately

By Donald Dool, for our August 8 meeting.

Once during a discussion with a coin dealer in Buenos Aires, he remarked that it was unusual for an American to have an interest in San Martín. This is not surprising considering how little emphasis was placed on South American history even way back when I was in high school. However I believe that most numismatists, at least those who favor world coins, have an interest in history and geography, so my interest in South American history in general and San Martín in particular was kindled during a year long stay in Buenos Aires. It helped that my apartment overlooked the Plaza de San Martín and my office was located on San Martín.

A few words on the Spanish-American Revolutions. Unlike the American Revolution against the British, in Spanish-America there were several revolutions simultaneously in progress. This is not surprising since the British colonies that took part in the revolution were a comparatively small, homogenous area along the Atlantic seaboard whereas the Spanish Empire was huge, sprawling from the California coast, through Mexico and Central America to, with the exception of Brazil and the Guyanas, all of South America. So given the logistics, the diversity of attitudes and expectations, plus the fact that there was not an underlying philosophy as in the American colonies, it is surprising that the Spanish-American revolutionaries were able to co-operate sufficiently to win their revolutions. It might even be argued that if not for Napoleon's intervention in Spain, the Spanish-American revolutions would not have taken place, at least not until later.

The two most important figures in the Spanish-American revolutions were

Simón Bolívar and the subject of this talk, José San Martín. San Martín's life can be broken into four phases, his birth and early childhood, his life in Spain, the revolutionary period in South America and his final years. He was born on February 25, 1778, in Yapeyú, viceroyalty of Río de la Plata. His mother was Gregoria Matorras and his father, Juan de San Martín, a professional soldier, was administrator of Yapeyú on the northern frontier of Argentina. When José was only six, the family returned to Spain. He was educated at the "Seminario de Nobles" from 1785 until 1789. He started his military career early in the Murcia regiment in south eastern Spain. He fought against the Moors, the British, the Portuguese and against Napoleon from 1808 to 1811.

In 1808, following Napoleon's occupation of Spain, he served the Seville junta that was conducting the war on behalf of the imprisoned Spanish king Ferdinand VII. In 1811, for his distinguished service, he was promoted and given command of the Sagunto Dragoons. Instead of taking up his new post, he sought permission to go to Lima, the capital of the viceroyalty of Peru, but traveled by way of London to Buenos Aires, which had become the principal center of resistance in South America to the Seville junta. Once in Buenos Aires in March 1812, he switched sides and was given the task of organizing a corps of grenadiers against the Spanish royalists centered in Peru who threatened the revolutionary government in Argentina.

Various reasons are given for his change of allegiance; San Martín claimed later that he had sacrificed his career in Spain because he had responded to the call of his native land. Others say he was influenced by the British and some that he was upset with the way American born Spaniards were treated in Spain.

In September of 1812 he married Maria de los Remedios Escalada, a member of an upper-class Argentine family of Spanish blood. He also became more involved in local politics by helping to form the "Lautaro Lodge," an underground organization that later was in opposition to the government in power. At first the Lodge was aligned with the "First Triumvate" led by Bernardario Rivadavia. However, the two organizations had different political objectives, Rivadavia was interested in Buenos Aires while the Lautaro Lodge's main mission was the liberation of all of Spanish America.

In February 3, 1813, San Martín entered his first battle in South America, and managed to defeat a royalist force that came up the Parana River.

He was sent to Tucumán to reinforce, and ultimately replace, General Manuel Belgrano, who was being hard pressed by forces of the viceroy of Peru. San Martín recognized that the Río de la Plata provinces would never be secure so

long as the royalists held Lima. He therefore quietly prepared the masterstroke that was his supreme contribution to the liberation of southern South America. The first step was to train an army in northwestern Argentina that would be capable of a holding operation. Then, on the pretense of ill health, he got himself appointed governor intendant of the province of Cuyo, the capital of which was Mendoza, the key to the routes across the Andes.

In 1816, representatives of the Argentine provinces met at the Congress of Tucumán; San Martín chose the side of an outright declaration of independence from Spain, which the congress issued on July 9. He believed that a liberal-constitutional monarchy was the best hope for stability in the new nations of Spanish America.

In Cuyo he set about creating an army that would link up overland with the soldiers of the patriotic government in Chile and then proceed by sea to attack Peru. He received a setback when the loyalist forces recaptured Chile. This made it necessary for San Martín to fight his way westward across the Andes. Between Jan. 18 and Feb. 8, 1817, he led his army 15,000 feet above sea level, a feat that has been compared to Hannibal's crossing of the Alps. (Hannibal went through the Alps, San Martín went over the Andes.) His force consisted of about 3,000 infantry soldiers, and 250 artillery troops. On February 12 he surprised and defeated the royalists at Casas de Chacabuco and took Santiago, where he refused the offer of the Supreme Dictator of Chile in favor of Bernardo O'Higgins because he did not wish to be diverted from his main objective, the capture of Lima. Nevertheless, it took him more than a year to clear Chile of royalist troops. He finally routed the remaining 5,300 on April 5, 1818, at the Battle of Maipú.

Tired of the use of military force, San Martín now tried to negotiate with the royalists, and hoped that they would accept a peaceful settlement. He proposed that Peru should be converted into an independent monarchy. The negotiations led to nothing so San Martín went back to his plan requiring the creation of a Chilean navy and the accumulation of troop ships. This was accomplished by August 1820, when the shoddy fleet, consisting mainly of armed merchant ships, under the command of Thomas Cochrane, left Valparaíso for the Peruvian coast. Cochrane had failed the year before to take the chief port, Callao, which was well-defended. The port was therefore blockaded, and the troops were landed to the south near Pisco; from this point they could threaten Lima from the landward side. San Martín resisted the temptation to assault the capital, which was defended by a superior force, and waited for almost a year, until the royalists, despairing of assistance from Ferdinand VII (who had since been restored to the Spanish throne), withdrew to the mountains. San Martín and his army then entered Lima, the independence of Peru was proclaimed on July 28, 1821, and the victorious

revolutionary commander was made protector.

San Martín's position was nevertheless insecure. He had broken with his supporters in Buenos Aires when, against their wishes, he insisted on pressing on to Lima; he was unsure of the loyalty of the Peruvian people and of the backing of some of his officers, many of whom suspected him of dictatorial or monarchical ambitions; and he lacked the forces to subdue the royalist remnants in the interior. Moreover, Simón Bolívar, who had liberated the northern provinces of South America, had annexed Guayaquil, a port and province that San Martín had hoped would opt for incorporation in Peru. He therefore decided to confront Bolívar.

The two victorious generals met, ostensibly on equal terms, on July 26, 1822, at Guayaquil. What passed between them in their secret discussions is unknown, but what is clear is that San Martín hurried back to Lima, a disappointed man. There, seriously ill, on September 20, 1822, San Martín resigned his military command in Peru, and went back to Argentina, and in 1824, a year after his wife died, he took off for Europe with his daughter.

In the end of 1828, he decided to go back to America. He wanted to see if he had anything to contribute to the internal peace between the new nations. He returned to Europe in 1829, after that he decided that he would not be too much help. After this, he lived as a retired man mainly in France. José de San Martín died in Boulogne-sur-Mer, France on August 17, 1850. In all he only spent about twenty years of his life in South America.

San Martín Material Shown

I. Scenes in Buenos Aires
   A. Two views of monument and postcard from 1896 showing original monument.
   B. Poster of Vino San Martín in Peru subway station.

II. Coins
   A. Peru
      1. 1822 1/4 real struck while San Martín was protector of Peru
      2. 1823 1/8 and Quarto de pesos - said to have been struck in honor of San Martín
   B. Argentina
      1. 1950 - 5, 10 & 20 centavos commemorating the 100th anniversary of San Martín's death. First person to be honored on Argentine coins. Series continued to 1956 without reverse legend.

2. 1978 - 50 and 100 pesos - commemorating the 200th anniversary of San Martín's birth. Series continued until 1961 without obverse legend.
3. 2000 - 50 centavos - commemorating the 150th anniversary of San Martín's death. Issued in two varieties, presentation and business strikes. Letters in monogram are VIALPTR for VIVA LA PATRIA (Long live my country).

III. Medals

A. Centenary of Battle of Maipú - issued on April 5, 1918.
   1. Issued by city of Bahia Blanca
   2. Issued by the people of Argentina.

B. Boulonge Sur Mer
   1. Issued on October 24, 1909 to commemorate the inauguration of a monument to San Martín in Boulonge sur Mer.
   2. Issued during the Presidency of Marcelo T. de Alvear, 1922 to 1928. Honors the acquisition by popular subscription of San Martín's house in Boulonge sur Mer. This is one of the few medals with the old San Martín portrait.
   3. Issued August 10, 1934 to commemorate the commission of a replica in the Sanmartiniano Museum of San Martín's house in Boulonge sur Mer.

C. Monument Inauguration Medals - Virtually every city in Argentina has a San Martín monument.
   1. November 24, 1956 at Pergamino
   2. October 12, 1913 at Formosa
   3. July 9, 1916 at San Juan
   4. July 9, 1915 at Catamarca

IV. Banknotes

A. Three 500 peso reproductions from the 1800's - all with young portrait

B. One, five and ten Pesos Argentinos - part of a series from 1970 to 1983 with old portrait.

C. One hundred, 500, 1000, 5000 and 500,000 Pesos - also part of another series from 1983 - 1985 with old portrait.

D. Two with young portrait - a 100 Peso from 1935 and a present day 5 peso.

V. Scripophily

Argentine scripophily is not readily available, even in Argentina. Thus, finding an item with a portrait of San Martín was difficult and not inexpensive. The item shown here is a bond issued by El Banco "Union Nacional" dated Julio (July) 1 de 1889 with an interest rate of

9%. Nineteen of the original coupons are still attached. Each coupon is in the amount of 22 pesos 50 centavos. These were redeemable on December 21st and June 20 starting in 1890 and ending in 1899. There is a bank stamp on the coupons so I assume that after the first one they were all paid at one time.
The following information on the bond: "Esta obligacion territorial participa del cincuenta por ciento de las utildades que dejen al establecimiento la enajenacion de los inmuebles que adquiera con dichos titulos. Estas utilidades quedaran determinadas en el balance anual cerrado cada 31 de diciembre. Inciso "
roughly translates as:
"This territorial bond has a fifty percent share in the profits earned from the sale of the real properties bought with the mentioned bonds. These profits will be determined annually each December 31st."

VI. Philately - As one might expect San Martín has been depicted on a multitude of stamps.
   A. First a postcard mailed on the 27th of March 1912 with the "young" portrait of San Martín. Note that the card is in English. Belgrano is in the northside of Buenos Aires, in 1912 it may have been a separate city. This card is listed as Higgins and Gage 29A.
   B. In 1950, on the centenary of General José San Martín's death, a series of commemorative stamps were issued. A souvenir sheet with the 10 (Scott 587), 20 (Scott 588), 50 (Scott 590) and 75 (Scott 591) centavos was also issued. The fifty centavos has the old portrait and the other three various young portraits.
   C. The envelope, mailed on the 3rd of February 1951 from El Palomar (an airforce airport and military barracks near Buenos Aires) to the PanAmerican Union, has the 50 centavos commemorative issue (Scott 590).

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Show and Tell

Each image has a scale in the lower-left corner, with the tics spaced 1 mm apart. Because the brightness and contrast were manipulated on a computer, the coloring of a coin's image differs from the coin's actual coloring.

1. **Mike Metras** described a visit to the Western Heritage Museum while returning from the ANA summer session in July. He viewed the Byron Reed collection there, and the most outstanding feature of the collection was a case containing five items: 1797 $10 gold piece, NE shilling, 1850 California Gold piece, $50 (half-union) pattern, and a gorgeous 1804 dollar.
   He then announced his new website, worksandwords.com, and described its contents and his plans for it. He also had a few of his new CD, *Money Meanderings, An Introduction to Numismatics*, available for purchase.
2. **Mark Wieclaw** started with some ancient coins, and ended with a remembrance of the 1991 ANA convention.
   - ☐ Syrian Tetradrachm from Antioch; the obverse bust of Philip faces to the left, and is above a shield bearing a head of Medusa.

   - ☐ A heavy Antoninianus of Victorinus; this piece weighs 4.64 grams, as opposed to the typical weight range of 2.0 to 2.5 grams.
   - ☐ A heavy double Centenionalis of Magnentius (350-353); this piece weighs 12 grams instead of the typical 8 grams.
   - ☐ A BEP $5000 souvenir card from the 100th Anniversary

Convention of the ANA, held here ten years ago this month. While reviewing the signatures of those who had signed it then, we saw 5 ANA presidents, 6 Chicago Coin Club presidents, and 6 Farran Zerbe award winners; most of the signatures on the card were of convention committee members.

3. To complement his trade beads exhibit from last month, **Carl Wolf** showed imitation coral Tibetan Trade beads.
   The people of central Asia have worn decorative beads for thousands of years. Among the bead types that played a role in this social message were those made of coral. Everyone wore large quantities of beads made from the richest materials a family could afford. Genuine coral was imported from Italy and was usually reserved for the wealthy. Glass imitations as shown by Carl were imported and accepted among the less affluent as a colorful, affordable and exotic alternative. Their main priority was that necklaces look good, not whether it was made of glass or real coral.
   Exactly when coral beads and their glass imitations began to be imported is uncertain, but scientists know that as early as 600 B.C. glass beads from Europe were arriving in Asia. Marco Polo wrote in the 13th century that Tibetans valued coral beads as if they were precious stones and placed them round the necks of their women and their religious statues. As late as 1935 travelers between China and India found coral beads to be popular bribe money that provided for the necessities of life on the difficult journey over the Himalayas.
4. **Sharon Blocker** showed an item acquired on eBay, an Australian (Perth Mint) 2 dollar coin dated 2000. It is a 2 oz. silver bullion Kookaburra, with the five U.S. commemorative quarter reverse designs from 2000 on the reverse. 10,000 sets were produced, each also containing one of each of the five U.S. quarters of 2000 (mint marks not noted).
   At the Mid-America show in June, she bought currency that appealed to her and then started a collection of Mylar notes. About 30 countries produce Mylar currency. Many pieces were shown, mostly beautiful but one hideous.
5. **Don Dool** noted that coins, like bananas, often come in bunches. At CICF he had acquired one from Oliana, only his second of the hard to find issues from Catalonia, and now:
   - ☐ Gerona, Seisino, Eklund 125, Neumann II 14816 Obverse: LVD . XII . D . G . R . F . E . C . BA Laureated head to right. Reverse: CIVITAS . GERVNDA . 1642 Diamond shaped arms, annulets at sides.
   - ☐ Perpignan, 1611, Ardit. Neumann II 14830 Obverse: PHILIPPVS . III . REX . ARAE. Reverse: COMES . ROSSILIONIS . ET . 16 - 11.

- ☐ Perpignan, 1645, Eklund 183. Obverse: PERPINIANI VILLE. Crowned arms divides date. Reverse: INTERNATOS . MVLIERVM. St. John standing holding lamb and flag. 2 (sols) to left of St. John.

1000th Meeting Committee Update

by Mark Wieclaw

Topics discussed at the August 16, 2001 meeting included:

1. A reduced parking rate for the banquet. (The evening banquet will be held on the Saturday of CICF, in addition to our regular CICF meeting at 1PM on that Saturday. The 2002 CICF will be held at a new venue, the Holiday Inn across River Road from the Rosemont Convention Center, and the banquet will be held at that hotel.)
2. More discussion on give away and elongated items.
3. A committee consisting of Kevin Blocker, Carl Wolf, & Steve Zitowski will choose/recommend one of the five designs submitted for the 1000th Meeting medal.
4. Several ideas for raising funds to pay for the various items (program, elongated coins, etc.) were discussed.
5. A speaker for the evening.

Our 992nd Meeting

Date:	September 12, 2001
Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	Bank One Plaza Building (formerly the First National Bank Building) 18th Floor, on Dearborn between Madison and Monroe. Enter the building at the South entrance of the Dearborn side, sign in at the security desk and take the elevator to the 18th floor.
Featured speaker:	Bruno Rzepka - *The Art of Steel Engraving*

2001 ANA Summer Seminar Report

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The American Numismatic Association (ANA) summer seminar for 2001 has come and gone. Early July, 2001, on the edge of the Colorado Rockies was nothing but fun, just like the other six ANA seminars I have attended. Where else can you spend a week talking about coins or paper money and not have your listener sooner or later change the subject? Here they just ask you more questions or tell you their coin story.

This summer I studied Obsolete Currency with Roger Durand, author of many books on the subject. His books include the major book on Rhode Island obsolete notes and several other books with titles that start with "Interesting Notes about ...." About Denominations, About Territorials, About Vignettes (1 and 2), About Portraits, About Santa Claus, About Allegorical Representations, and About Historical Vignettes. More are coming.

One of my classmates was Wendell Wolka, the author of the sometime-to-be book on Ohio obsoletes. Roger and Wendell left few questions unanswered during the week. The dealer Judy Kagin and Iowa regional ANA person Brian Fanton along with five other anonymous collectors (including me) made up the remainder of the class.

Roger began by defining Obsolete Currency as almost any currency made between the 1790s and the 1860s when the government began making currency and put private bank currency out of business. Insurance companies, railroads, stores and many other places issued money right along with the banks during that time. And a lot of bad notes circulated. It was not easy knowing whether the money you received across the counter was good or not.

We spent half-a-day segments on several subjects. We leaned about counterfeiting and counter-counterfeit measures. We spent an afternoon talking about 1/90th dollar, 1 cent, 4 cent, 6-1/4 cent, 12 cent, $1.87-1/2, $2.25, XI dollar, $65, and many other denominations. Confederate notes took up an afternoon and more. Then there was the afternoon in the library

learning about the currency books available.

Historical vignettes (pictures) like the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Henry Hudson discovering the Hudson River, Pocahantus saving John Smith, the Pilgrim landing, Red Stick (Baton Rouge), the battle of Lexington, and a lot more took one afternoon. Not to be out done by history, we studied notes with Santa Claus--there are seven different Santa Claus vignettes on obsolete currencies (important fact).

Finally, we spent the last day learning how to determine what these notes are worth -- what we should pay for them. Roger gave us a couple charts based on rarity and where the notes came from and then told us, in effect, that most pricing is really done by the seat of the pants of a few specialists in the field. Many use the extensive catalog listings of the dealer Hugh Shull as a price guide. We looked at several notes and priced them according to Roger's charts and then compared our guesses to Roger's and Hugh's numbers. With practice, we got closer to Roger and Hugh.

This was a new subject for me and, like every other seminar I have attended, I came away with a large body of data and information that will take me a while to digest. And besides, the week was once again flat out fun.

Gail Baker, the brains of the summer seminar, set me up with a book signing during the ANA library sale Sunday morning. I sold a very respectable four copies of my new CD-ROM book, *Money Meandering: an Introduction to Numismatics*. Thanks, Gail. (For information on this book, visit my web site at www.wordsandworks.com.)

This year the Young Numismatist's (YN) auction was during the first week's seminars. The proceeds of this auction, prepared and put on by the YNs, go towards scholarships for the YNs. Everyone donates auction items. The YNs reap the benefits. My class was during the second week. I went out early to attended the auction on July 4th. Sonny Henry, our man from Illinois, did a bang up job of auctioneering again. It was fun as always but not like the old days when everyone was there at once, when the seminar was only one week instead of two separate weeks. In those days the auction seemed to be a lot better and made a lot more for the YNs. They made around $11,000 this year, only half of what they have made in some recent years. Besides, with the YNs being there the first week, we missed them during our classes the second week.

Randy'L Teton, the 24-year-old woman who modeled for the Sacagawea dollar, is an intern at the ANA this summer. Very outgoing and positive, she

attended classes and gave an uplifting speech at the last bull session of the first week's classes. She told about her mother's work curating an Albuquerque Native American Museum and how Glenda Goodacre came in for information about Native Americans and went out wanting to use her mother as a model. The mother said, "No way. But I have three daughters who would do much better." Glenda choose Randy'L and the rest is history.

The Thursday before my classes I went up to Cripple Creek where I crammed myself into a four-by-four lift bucket with six others. Eight others crammed into the bucket below. The lift took us down 1000 feet into the Molly Kathleen gold mine. We walked through a quarter of a mile of rock and saw the tools of the trade and vertical shafts, the result of god-awful labor. A lamp remained lit telling us it was safe to stay. If it goes out everyone has to get out or die for lack of oxygen. As I left, the thirty-something ex-miner told me, "Don't ever be a miner, whatever you do." I won't.

Still free the next day, I went the other direction, up to the top of Pike's Peak on the cog railway -- a beautiful ride through evergreens and aspens and, above 11,500 feet, past bare rock climbing grades as much as 25 percent. I had driven up the 14,000-foot mountain three times before. But this was my first time on the railway. Both ways offer really unique views of the ecosystem and the mountains to the north, south, and west and into Kansas to the east. Take either trip if you ever have the opportunity. You'll like it.

Friday after our classes were done we toured the mint and the Colorado Historical Society's museum in Denver. Our tour on the mint floor was OK but not outstanding. They have cleaned up and sound proofed things a lot since my first floor tour in 1993. It is a much tighter ship today than it was then. But I regretted that we saw neither the counting room nor the die engraving room. That is where they have made major changes recently. Both were high on my list of things to see. Both were off limits. Maybe some other day. The outgoing director of the mint, Jay Johnson, went on the tour with us and fielded questions very politically before and after the tour. The plant manager and foremen told the real stories.

On the way home I spent two days camping on the remote northern rim of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison, drove down a favorite canyon on Rt 141 in western Colorado, went through Silvertown and Durango, took pictures of a steam engine working in Chama, New Mexico, went to the source of the Rio Grande, and slept at 11,000 feet on the continental divide. I stretched my mind in Colorado Springs; I stretched my soul in the Rockies.

But the coin vacation was not quite over. In the middle of a very hot and

humid day, I spent three hours viewing the Byron Reed Coin collection in the Western Heritage Museum in Omaha, Nebraska. Though the lighting could have been better placed, the collection was very well presented. I completely enjoyed my afternoon, including viewing a Class 1 1804 dollar in PF-65 or PF-67 (or some obscenely higher grade), what a beauty. An 1877 $50 half Union gold pattern, a NE Shilling, a 1797 capped bust gold eagle (?), and an 1850 Dubosq $5 gold piece shared the case with the 1804 dollar. I gawked! I came back again and again to the case. I walked around and around it. What a display! The dollar alone probably would go for three or four million on today's market. And the sign said, "No pictures please." Now curator Larry Lee, after doing such a great job here, has left this collection and is taking up the helm at the ANA museum.

What a busy two and a half weeks. I cannot wait till next July. Bring it on.

Important Dates

September	**12**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Bruno Rzepka on *The Art of Steel Engraving*
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December	**12**	CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet Meeting - Featured Speaker - Reid Geisler on *Error Coins*

Birthday and Year Joined

October	13	Bernard L. Schwartz	1986
October	14	Joel J. Reznick	1981
October	14	Warren G. Schultz	
October	17	Margo Russell	
October	19	Phyllis Eisenberg	1968

2001 ANA Anniversary Convention Reports

Phil Carrigan reports:
When one speaks of an ANA convention, the first experiences relate not to numismatics but to the host city. The Atlanta convention was characterized by its location (either outermost Atlanta or Srymna). One hint of location was the $42 airport shuttle. The other Atlanta experience was the cooler weather there compared to Chicago!

Arriving Wednesday morning, I initially met three newly elected ANA leaders. Each was identified by their single badge "Govenor-elect" or their dual badges indicating current and "-elect" offices. I have great faith and expectations in the representatives on the new ANA Board.

The actual convention lived up to expectations as to dealer attendance, speciality club tables and meetings and educational presentations (Numismatic Theater). A newly inaugurated series called the Convention Theater and primarily staffed by Heritage employees and principles, provided useful information of auction bidding and consigning, internet buying, estate planning, etc.

One Board of Governors decision of interest to CCC members is the 2008 Convention location. While Chicago was a candidate city, St. Louis has the current nod. This was based on favorable considerations relative to sales tax, hotel rooms and the concern of the proximity of Chicago to the 2007 Milwaukee convention.

Overall, Atlanta represented a fine numismatic experience both intellectual and in meeting old and new friends.

Bob Leonard reports:
At the ANA Board Meeting on August 7, prior to the convention opening, I was surprised to discover that Chicago's bid for the 2008 convention was not unopposed, and that our competition had done their homework with the ANA Governors and staff. The Board voted unanimously to award the 2008 convention to St. Louis. Incoming President John Wilson mentioned that arrangements are not final for the Milwaukee convention scheduled for 2007,

and that Chicago would be given consideration if they fall through, but this is a remote chance. John suggested that Chicago bid for the 2011 convention, the 120th anniversary of the ANA. (I recommend, however, that we get busy and try for 2009.)

The Ship of Gold made a final port call, and looked as good as ever in spite of the sale of some of the pieces formerly exhibited. New this year was Dwight Manley's 1913 Liberty Head nickel (said to be owned by the California Gold Marketing Group), shown noncompetitively in its slab at the far end of the Exhibits area. Many exhibits featured Georgia material, though there was interesting New Guinea primitive money and the Howland Wood Memorial Award (Best of Show) winning Thomas H. Law layout of 104 rare British gold coins. This ostentatious display of wealth featured obverse and reverse of the Queen Victoria Una and the Lion 5 pounds ($35,000 each), a coin of which only 4 are known, etc., etc. I was assured that Tom has retired from exhibiting, now that he has snared the Howland Wood award three times; this is good to know, as he pretty well stopped anyone from competing in his category. However, the best exhibit, in my opinion, was Vanashree Samant's "Cryptic Symbols: Interpretation of the Punchmarks on Ancient Indian Coins," which won first in Coins Prior to 1500 A.D. This also won the Charles H. Wolfe, Sr. award for Young Numismatist Best in Show. Unlike Law's exhibit, though the coins displayed were of little commercial value (the whole exhibit could have been purchased for $100 or so), they were authoritatively described and their significance explained.

I attended the Society of Private and Pioneer Numismatics meeting Wednesday afternoon. Q. David Bowers gave the program, on his new book, *A California Gold Rush History* featuring the treasure from the S.S. Central America. It is out for final legal approvals (expected soon), will be close to 1,100 pages long, and cost a mind-numbing $200,000 to research! I volunteered at the ANS table afterwards.

Janet and I had a good time at the Numismatic Ambassador breakfast the next day, at which James Charlton--still incredibly spry at 90--was made the first Canadian Ambassador. ANA Governor Patty Finner was also honored. Other meetings and banquets followed, and I think Janet enjoyed the events.

We ran across Charlie Ricard, who looks the same as ever and regrets that he is no longer able to attend our regular meetings. He attended the ANA Membership Reception, at which I received my 40-year pin. (This pin is silver, like the 25-year one, and I was annoyed to be congratulated later for having been a member 25 years!)

I entered several drawings, and was pleased to hear on my return that I had won an original Coventry Lady Godiva "Conder" token of 1792 in the "Conder" Token Collector's Club drawing.

The bourse seemed slow to me, and attendance was not announced at the ANA banquet, an ominous sign. However, it was 12,500+, not bad but far less than Philadelphia's door-buster 20,000. The auction drew a huge crowd, and was wonderfully presented by Heritage, with record-shattering results to match. (Their expertise does not extend to non-U.S. series, however, and I was told by a dealer that an aureus of Trajan in the catalog was a cast counterfeit--they show a price realized for it, but a suspiciously low one, on their web page, though.)

There was a tremendous amount of U.S. and world gold available. Near the ANS table, a dealer was stacking scores of Liberty double eagles as if they were Morgan dollars. I saw one priced at $285 in a dealer's case, and AU $5 Liberties at $128. Prices are definitely lower on the more bullion-based coins.

One thing not reported in the numismatic press, though they were certainly aware of it, was the rash of hotel burglaries at this convention. One person recovered everything but his car keys, I was told, but Michael Bates of the ANS lost his laptop, briefcase, magnifying glass--and the ANS donations for that day--while he and his wife Kati, Janet, and I were out to dinner. I reported the incident to Bob Bruggeman, who I hope was able to lean on the hotel and local police.

On our return, Janet and I stopped at Dahlonega, Georgia, to visit the Gold Museum, site of the Dahlonega Mint (it burned in 1878, but another building stands on the foundations), and a gold mine. I saw the complete set of Dahlonega Mint coins displayed (only the OBVERSE is visible!), a few other coins with the D mint mark showing, crucibles from the site of the mint, and other memorabilia, and bought a couple of books on the Georgia gold rush. There is nothing to see at the Mint site, unfortunately, other than the gold-plated cupola, but I panned for gold at one of the two open mines in the area, from stamp-mill-crushed quartz that looked like rock salt. For my $2.50 (plus 50 cents for a little bottle) I panned out a few tiny flakes of Georgia gold. Not a bad value as a collectible, but it's no way to make a living!

I'm looking forward to next year's convention in New York!

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Minutes of the 992nd Meeting

The 992nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order on September 12, 2001 at 7:14PM by President Carl Wolf. Member Jeff Rosinia arranged to hold the meeting at the offices of Harlan Berk Ltd. in lieu of 1 Bank One Plaza.

President Carl Wolf called for a moment of silence to remember those who died in the terrorist attack on The World Trade Center in New York.

Secretary/Treasurer Lyle Daly read the August minutes. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of August 8, 2001, amended to reflect Mr. Wieclaw's first name as Mark in lieu of Mike.

Secretary/Treasurer Lyle Daly gave a treasury report as follows:

Dreyfus Money Market	$1811.67
Bank One CD	1408.09
Bank One CD	1405.88
TCF Checking Account	2114.46
Un-deposited Funds	0.00
TOTAL	$6740.10

Featured Speaker

Featured speaker Bruno Rzepka was unable to attend given the tragedy of yesterday's attack. President Carl Wolf introduced member Harlan Berk and his presentation on the silver and gold medallions of the Roman Empire. Medallions were awarded to dignitaries and carried no denomination.

Harlan presented a gold medal of Constantius, a silver medal of Constantine the Great, and a coin commemorating Constantine's victory at the Malvern

Bridge.

President Carl Wolf presented Harlan with an educational certificate for his presentation of May 14th and a certificate for Don Dool for his August 8th presentation.

Second Vice President Don Dool introduced the following individuals, who presented material during the meeting's Show and Tell:

1. Mark Wieclaw presented elongated coins commemorating route 66 and a set of elongated Olympic commemoratives. Mark also presented a dupondius of Maximianus.
2. Carl Wolf continued his tradition of presenting framed primitive money and displayed Axe head money from Central America. These are typically found in hoards and appear to have ceased to be used with the introduction of iron. These were known to be used as money through accounts in the diary of Christopher Columbus's son.
3. Don Dool presented a token for the Galesburg White Elephant. This was a tavern and Don's mother bought the wet bar when it went out of business. The bar is now in the basement of his son's house. Don also continued his tradition of presentation on copper coins of the 16th century.

Old Business:
Mark Wieclaw, chairman of the committee for planning the 1000th meeting, advised members that we have secured a reduced parking rate. The medallion selection sub committee will meet to review the submissions for the commemorative medal. Levels of donation to the club are yet to be determined. The committee will meet again on September 27th 2001. As reminder to all, the 1000th meeting will be held during the CICF on April 6th 2002.

Paul Hybert gave a brief update on the web site. It is up and running but has not been moved to an independent service provider.

The ILNA show had less than 100 dealers. In an effort to increase attendance, CCC members recommended offering educational seminars.

Phil Carrigan advised the club of the discussion and decision to hold the 2008 ANA convention in St Louis.

Lyle Daly to contact Jeff Rosinia and ask for a status of the arrangements for the December Banquet.

New Business:
It was noted that member Mark Wieclaw received the "Numismatic Ambassador" award sponsored by Krause Publications.

It was noted that member Harlan Berk was elected President of PNG.

Mark Wieclaw suggested a new method of grading competitive exhibits at shows such as ANA and Central States. Grading each exhibit against the predetermined criteria for each award level, rather than against other exhibits, would allow for multiple 1st place awards or possibly none.

Carl Wolf noted membership attendance is down and asked if the membership had any thoughts on why. Some suggestions were the meeting was too formal. Another thought was that a summary of meetings in a press release format should be sent to local papers and numismatic publications. One thought we should just have more fun.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:52PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Daly

1000th Meeting Committee Update

by Mark Wieclaw

Topics discussed at the September 27, 2001 meeting included:

1. The primary design for the medal has been selected. Some work still needs to be done on the reverse design.
2. Once again the topics of speakers, donations, and give aways were discussed with some very good ideas being brought up.
3. It was decided that there will be a raffle in an effort to raise some funds to help offset costs.
4. An item for give away proposed by Bob Feiler was accepted and funding is being considered.
5. Everything else is still up in the air and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Call for Club Auction Lots
November 14, 2001

The club auction is scheduled for 7PM, at the start of the regular November club meeting. In the past few years, club related material (and Chicago area numismatic items) have had the best results. Please consider using the club auction to dispose of the numismatic items you no longer need.

You can place a reserve on each lot, and there is no commission charged to either the buyer or seller. Auction lot viewing will be held before the meeting starts, and again briefly before the auction starts.

The November *Chatter* will contain a list of all auction lots that are known to us by Friday, October 26. You can either bring your lots with you to the November meeting, or you can ship them to Bill Burd. Please send your list to Paul Hybert.

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Important Dates

October	**10**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Mark Wieclaw on *Morgan Type Carson City Morgan Dollars*
November	**14**	CCC Meeting - Club Auction - no featured speaker
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Show and Tell

Each image has a scale in the lower-left corner, with the tics spaced 1 mm apart. Because the brightness and contrast were manipulated on a computer, the coloring of a coin's image differs from the coin's actual coloring.

1. After showing numerous elongated coins, **Mark Wieclaw** showed a dupondius of Maximianus; it is a rare denomination for this emperor.

2. **Carl Wolf** continued his theme of primitive money with a piece of Axe Head Money from Central America. This copper axe head was a favorite Native American trade good and barter item at the time of Columbus's discovery.
   Copper axes were introduced to Mexico by Andean traders about 900 AD. The first axes were up to nine inches long with a chisel-like head. Around 1200 AD it evolved into the shape Carl showed. Their principal area of circulation was in the state of Oaxaca in southern Mexico. Over the years, farmers have uncovered hoards containing hundreds of pieces.
   By the time Christopher Columbus landed on the shores of the New World in 1492, copper axe heads were one of the principal trade goods of Central America. Columbus personally observed their use in trade in 1502 during his last voyage. By 1548 four new and shiny pieces were accepted in trade for five Spanish reales; but if they were worn, then ten pieces would trade for one Spanish real. Iron was introduced by the Spanish and copper tools quickly became obsolete. Soon the trade of axe heads was considered a nuisance and about 1600 they

went out of circulation.

3. **Don Dool** continued with his theme of early dated European copper coins.
   - A 1556 3 Sols from Deventer, Campen & Zwolle. Obv: DAVENR.CAMPEN.ZWOLLE, 3 value in center. Rev: TRIV__CIVITA_IMP_R ,date 56. Three free/imperial cities.
   - A 1560 3 Pfennig from the city of Münster. Ek 890, Wein 210. Obv: STADT, MVNSTER. Shield of arms, date above. Rev: numeral value within ornate border. Eklund says "scarce and seldom found in good state of preservation."
   - A 1567 2 Tari from Malta. On page 47 of *Coins and Medals of the Knights of Malta* by C.H. Schembri. Obv: Clasped hands below date, M between date and hands, TZ below hands. NO? AES SED FIDES *. Rev: Maltese cross, SVB HOC SIGNO MILITAMVS. Issued by John de la Vallette.
   - A token, Good for 5¢ in trade, from the White Elephant Inn, 35 Boones Ave., Galesburg, Il.

Birthday and Year Joined

November	2	Alexander Basok	1998
November	5	Scott E. Douglas	1996
November	5	Phyllis Johnson	1987
November	5	John Kasper	1995
November	8	Brian A. Heil	1981
November	9	Tom Ryan	1960
November	11	J. Vincent Swift	1991
November	12	Satya Bhupatiraju	2000
November	13	Michael B. Doran	1999
November	19	Richard Peterson	1962
November	24	Jeffrey F. Bernberg	1975
November	27	Robert Feiler	1994

Minutes of the 991st Meeting

The 991st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order on August 8, 2001 at 7:03PM by President Carl Wolf.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to, and approve the minutes of July 11, 2001.

Secretary/Treasurer Lyle Daly gave a treasury report as follows:

Dreyfus Money Market	$1811.67	
Bank One CD	1357.09	due 9/01
Bank One CD	1405.88	
TCF Checking Account	2061.46	
Un-deposited Funds	53.00	
TOTAL	$6689.10	

Featured Speaker
President Carl Wolf introduced member Don Dool and his presentation on the evolution of his collection from Lincoln cents to large cents to the large copper coinage of Argentina and Jose de San Martin.

Don illuminated the history of the numerous South American revolutions and the involvement of San Martin with examples of coinage, medals, stock certificates, stamps, photographs of statuary and publications.

President Carl Wolf presented Don with a featured speaker medal.

Second Vice President Don Dool introduced the following individuals, who presented material during the meeting's Show and Tell:

1. Mike Metras advised the club of his visit to the Western Museum in Omaha and the quality of numismatic material housed therein.
2. Mike Wieclaw presented several ancient coins and an ANA 100th anniversary card with signatures of ANA Presidents, Elizabeth Jones, and CCC Presidents.
3. Carl Wolf continued his long tradition of presenting framed primitive money and displayed an example of Tibetan Trade beads.

4. Sharon Blocker presented a 2-ounce Kookaburra counter stamped with the images of the US quarter dollars for 2000. She also presented "cool" Congo notes, paper money of Mozambique, Madagascar and Columbia, and Mylar notes.
5. Don Dool presented several Spanish coins of the early 17th century.

Old Business:
Mark Wieclaw, chairman of the committee for planning the 1000th meeting, advised members that the room has been reserved for the dinner and we have a menu.

Secretary Lyle Daly advised the club that we received in the mail, a request from South Africa to identify photocopy of a "ONE DOUBLLOON" coin / token. This will be forwarded to Bob Leonard for his review. Also received was an invitation from Dr. Galst to Bill Grundy to attend a meeting of the New York Numismatic Society.

New Business:
The Club web site is down. Paul Hybert is working on reestablishing it. The club does not pay for this site. A discussion ensued regarding the establishment of a club web site on an independent service provider. A motion was made seconded and approved to allow Paul to establish a site with initial set up fees not to exceed $40 and monthly service charges not to exceed $20.

A brief discussion was held on the process of culling and trimming your collection. Members felt that it was difficult to part with ANY of their collection but recognized that pieces of no further interest or duplicates should be sold or traded to circulate among other collectors. One un-named member stated that his wife had no difficulty selling his collectibles.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:22PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Daly

Our 993rd Meeting

Date:	October 10, 2001
Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	Bank One Plaza Building (formerly the First National Bank Building) 18th Floor, on Dearborn between Madison and Monroe. Enter the building at the South entrance of the Dearborn side, sign in at the security desk and take the elevator to the 18th floor.
Featured speaker:	Mark Wieclaw - *Morgan Type Carson City Morgan Dollars*
Added feature:	Bob Leonard has just returned from a trip to Turkey, and he has brought back a numismatic item for everyone (limit of 23) at our October meeting. He promises an interesting story, and guarantees that everyone who gets one will go home happy.

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Editor's Notes

I direct your attention to the Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting, where a new building security policy is announced for our meeting site; a club member must show a photo ID to enter the building, and a guest must pre-register with a club officer **and** have a photo ID.

Paul Hybert, editor

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting October 25, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Wolf at 6:45 PM with five Board members present: Don Dool (2nd VP), Jeff Rosinia (Director), William Burd (Director) and Mark Wieclaw (Immediate Past-President). Robert Leonard, a Past-President was in attendance at the invitation of Carl Wolf. The meeting was held at Connie's Pizza, 2373 S. Archer Avenue.

Jeff Rosinia reported on new security procedures at Bank One. It includes the Club submitting to the guard desk a list of all members, without addresses. On meeting nights, attendees must show a photo I.D. and have their name on the list to be allowed into the building. Guests must be pre-registered with a Club Officer or must be approved in person at the lobby guard desk by a Bank One employee. At least one employee from Bank One must be in attendance at every meeting. A motion was unanimously passed to accept these new procedures and instruct the Secretary to compile and submit the membership list to the appropriate people.

Jeff reported that reservations have been made at the Mid-Day Club for the December 12th Annual Banquet. The back corner room that we had for our

1998-99 events is reserved. The menu will be decided at the November 14th meeting. Carl Wolf volunteered to approach a local coin dealer to pay for complimentary hors d'oeuvres and appetizers. (People with questions about the banquet should contact Carl Wolf, at either 773-878-8979 or at carlwolfco@msn.com

After an exchange of ideas for the Club's souvenir sheet at the Chicago Paper Money Exposition, a motion was unanimously passed that we begin a new series focusing on Chicago's National Bank Notes, with the First National Bank of Chicago to be the first issue. Bill Burd and Jeff Rosinia volunteered to spearhead this first issue.

Many names and topics were discussed as potential speakers for the regular 2002 club meetings and the special meetings to be held at the CPMX, the CICF and the 1000th Meeting Banquet. A motion was unanimously passed directing Paul Hybert, the club webmaster, to change Web servers and register www.chicagocoinclub.org as our new Web address.

Robert Leonard reported on the American Numismatic Association's decision to hold their 2008 convention in St. Louis. After a discussion a motion was made and unanimously passed that the Club notify the ANA that we intend to submit a bid for two conventions. One will be the 2019 Convention that will be our 100th Anniversary year, plus another year prior to this since waiting twenty years between visits to Chicago is too long. Different formal presentation ideas were discussed and Robert Leonard volunteered to head up this project.

Carl Wolf brought a carton of material donated from the estate of Marcella Sheldon for inspection. It was agreed that everything could go on the November auction with the exception of two lots that should be submitted to a national auction firm where it can realize a higher price. Carl announced there is more material that needs to be reviewed by knowledgeable members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Carl Wolf, President

Member Auction
November 14, 2001

The auction starts with donations to the club, followed by lots from members. The lots from the first consignor start at number 101, the second consignor's lots start at number 201, and so on.

Lots with a reserve have the reserve shown in parentheses, at the end of the lot description.

Donated items, all proceeds to the club.

1. Chicago Coin Club Medal commemorating the 500th Meeting in 1960. Medal is barrel shaped and is bronze. (Donated by club member Michael Dolnick)
2. Chicago Coin Club Medal commemorating the Seventy-fifth Anniversary. "The Discoverers" plaquette in bronze.. Approx. 2 by 3 inches. (Donated by club member William A. Burd)

From Marcella Sheldon Estate:

3. Chicago Coin Club publications. By-Laws dated 2/14/19; membership and by-laws dated 1935; another dated 1938; another dated 1941, 1941 pamphlet Annual Banquet; *Early Illinois Paper Money* by R. Edward Davis; 36 Bulletins ranging from the 1st issue March 1936 to the Annual Bulletin of 1976; 7 annual banquet pamphlets. A great group that will see spirited bidding.
4. Bowers and Ruddy Galleries Auction Catalog "The United States Gold Coin Collection" October 27-29, 1982. Autographed to Mrs. Sheldon by Richard Bagg, then Research Associate at Bowers.
5. Bowers and Merena Galleries Auction Catalogs "The Virgil M. Brand Collection" Part I November 7-8, 1983 and Part II June 18-19, 1984.
6. Bowers and Merena, Inc. Auction Catalog "Admiral Oscar H. Dodson and Dr. Richard L. Collier" June 19-21, 1984 with Prices Realized list.
7. Two Bowers and Merena, Inc. auction catalogs. "Arthur Sipe and Everett Ness" auction January 26-28, 1984 and"Danny Arnold and Romisa" auction September 17-19, 1984. Both with prices realized list.
8. Bowers and Merena, Inc. Auction Catalog "Rudy Sieck and Roy Harte" March 26-28, 1984 with prices realized list.
9. Six Bowers and Ruddy catalogs. 5 are auction catalogs and one is a

fixed price list. Mainly represents world coins. Sales from 1977 to 1982.

10. Two booklets by former Chicago Coin Club members. *Evolution of the Silver Dollar* by William A. Schneider and *Landseer Paintings Used on Paper Money* by Glenn B. Smedley. Both about 1959.
11. Three American Numismatic Society Annual Reports. 1969, 1970 and 1972.
12. American Numismatic Association Convention booklets for St. Louis, Boston, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Etc. 18 pamphlets some duplicates.
13. Miscellaneous Central States Numismatic Society publication *The Centinel* from 1967 to 1974 15 copies. Also 2 FUN pamphlets.
14. Miscellaneous American Numismatic Association literature. 2 *Numismatists*, 1 Club Bulletin, and a pamphlet introducing M. Vernon Sheldon who was running for General Secretary position at ANA 1938 (2 copies).
15. Miscellaneous numismatic related pamphlets. 11 items - some duplication.
16. Chicago Coin Club publications. Bulletin Vol 1, No. 2; Vol 1, No. 4; Vol 5, No. 5; 500th Meeting Booklet; 1962 Fall Festival pamphlet; Bulletin for 1969 Golden Anniversary; and Constitution and By-Laws. 7 items total plus a few notes by Mrs. Sheldon.
17. Chicago Coin Club Bulletin Volume 1, No. 2 dated July 1936 and 500th Meeting Booklet dated 1960.
18. Florida United Numismatist, Inc. (FUN) Topics. 5 copies from June 1971 to March 1972
19. A catalog of Modern World Coins Seventh Edition by R. S. Yeoman dated 1967.
20. A Guide Book of United States Coins (Red Book) 33rd Edition 1980 by R.S. Yeoman.
21. General interest numismatic clippings. From the 1980s and 1990s. Interesting reading.

Items from individual consignors.

101. Medal from C. D. Peacock dated 1837-1937 commemorating 100 years in business. Imbedded in the medal is a tiny piece from the Company's safe that survived the Chicago Fire. Uncirculated condition with some spotting.
102. Imitation of a $50.00 Gold slug used in California in the mid 1850s. Excellent condition
103. Coin envelope with insignia of B. Max Mehl. Envelope once housed a 1932 Quarter in uncirculated condition. Envelope in fair condition.

104. Uniface trial strike of the Chicago Numismatic Society annual medal for 1906. Reads "TO MEMBERS WHO HONORED THE SOCIETY BY JOININIG ITS RANKS IN 1906 THIRD YEAR" Outlined in stars. (Note misspelling of JOININGi).
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Member Auction
November 14, 2001

The auction starts with donations to the club, followed by lots from members. The lots from the first consignor start at number 101, the second consignor's lots start at number 201, and so on.

Lots with a reserve have the reserve shown in parentheses, at the end of the lot description.

Donated items, all proceeds to the club.

1. Chicago Coin Club Medal commemorating the 500th Meeting in 1960. Medal is barrel shaped and is bronze. (Donated by club member Michael Dolnick)
2. Chicago Coin Club Medal commemorating the Seventy-fifth Anniversary. "The Discoverers" plaquette in bronze.. Approx. 2 by 3 inches. (Donated by club member William A. Burd)

From Marcella Sheldon Estate:

3. Chicago Coin Club publications. By-Laws dated 2/14/19; membership and by-laws dated 1935; another dated 1938; another dated 1941, 1941 pamphlet Annual Banquet; *Early Illinois Paper Money* by R. Edward Davis; 36 Bulletins ranging from the 1st issue March 1936 to the Annual Bulletin of 1976; 7 annual banquet pamphlets. A great group that will see spirited bidding.
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6. Bowers and Merena, Inc. Auction Catalog "Admiral Oscar H. Dodson and Dr. Richard L. Collier" June 19-21, 1984 with Prices Realized list.
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8. Bowers and Merena, Inc. Auction Catalog "Rudy Sieck and Roy Harte" March 26-28, 1984 with prices realized list.
9. Six Bowers and Ruddy catalogs. 5 are auction catalogs and one is a

fixed price list. Mainly represents world coins. Sales from 1977 to 1982.

10. Two booklets by former Chicago Coin Club members. *Evolution of the Silver Dollar* by William A. Schneider and *Landseer Paintings Used on Paper Money* by Glenn B. Smedley. Both about 1959.
11. Three American Numismatic Society Annual Reports. 1969, 1970 and 1972.
12. American Numismatic Association Convention booklets for St. Louis, Boston, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Etc. 18 pamphlets some duplicates.
13. Miscellaneous Central States Numismatic Society publication *The Centinel* from 1967 to 1974 15 copies. Also 2 FUN pamphlets.
14. Miscellaneous American Numismatic Association literature. 2 *Numismatists*, 1 Club Bulletin, and a pamphlet introducing M. Vernon Sheldon who was running for General Secretary position at ANA 1938 (2 copies).
15. Miscellaneous numismatic related pamphlets. 11 items - some duplication.
16. Chicago Coin Club publications. Bulletin Vol 1, No. 2; Vol 1, No. 4; Vol 5, No. 5; 500th Meeting Booklet; 1962 Fall Festival pamphlet; Bulletin for 1969 Golden Anniversary; and Constitution and By-Laws. 7 items total plus a few notes by Mrs. Sheldon.
17. Chicago Coin Club Bulletin Volume 1, No. 2 dated July 1936 and 500th Meeting Booklet dated 1960.
18. Florida United Numismatist, Inc. (FUN) Topics. 5 copies from June 1971 to March 1972
19. A catalog of Modern World Coins Seventh Edition by R. S. Yeoman dated 1967.
20. A Guide Book of United States Coins (Red Book) 33rd Edition 1980 by R.S. Yeoman.
21. General interest numismatic clippings. From the 1980s and 1990s. Interesting reading.

Items from individual consignors.

101. Medal from C. D. Peacock dated 1837-1937 commemorating 100 years in business. Imbedded in the medal is a tiny piece from the Company's safe that survived the Chicago Fire. Uncirculated condition with some spotting.
102. Imitation of a $50.00 Gold slug used in California in the mid 1850s. Excellent condition
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Show and Tell

October 10, 2001

Each image has a scale in the lower-left corner, with the tics spaced 1 mm apart. Because the brightness and contrast were manipulated on a computer, the coloring of a coin's image differs from the coin's actual coloring.

1. **Reid Geisler** started our program with some recent error coins. A 2001 Denver cent, broad-struck and stretched, was followed by a Sacagawea dollar on a clipped planchet.
2. Recently returned from a trip to Turkey with his wife, **Bob Leonard**, recounted his many experiences, starting with his arrival in Turkey on September 11, 2001. The tour went on, and included the site of a Neolithic village occupied from 6800 to 5800 BC. Located near volcanoes, the village prospered from the obsidian trade (for more information on the use of obsidian, refer to his hand-out for a recent CICF);
3. **Mike Metras** brought an item acquired at auction the previous week; a sheet of notes from the Western Exchange Fire & Marine Insurance Company of Omaha. Signed by the Secretary but not the President, these have two train vignettes, a buffalo hunt, and a steam boat named *Omaha*.
4. Ancient coins bearing either Romulus and Remus with a wolf, or an owl, were shown by **Mark Wieclaw**.
   - ☐ A Roman Provincial with Caracalla on the obverse.
   - ☐ A larger bronze of ~~the different~~ same emperor, but note the bevelled ~~flat~~ rim, making the obverse diameter smaller than the reverse diameter.
   - ☐ A silver drachm of Metapontum, with an owl on obverse and ear of barley on reverse.

   - ☐ A small bronze quadrans (one sixty-fourth of a denarius) from

the time of Domitian, with an owl on the reverse.

5. **Carl Wolf** showed the latest in his series of mounted primitive money, a carved ivory bracelet from Africa. Prior to the appearance of European traders on the African continent, ivory was hoarded and considered a valuable possession. It was easy to carve, had a patina that became more beautiful with age and was believed to hold magical powers. Starting in the fifteenth century, as traders sent it back to Europe by the boatload, it quickly evolved into a medium of exchange and a popular trade item. In some areas, ivory went beyond being a symbol of wealth and actually reached the status of money. Records up through the nineteenth century show prices quoted and fines levied in the weight of ivory.
6. From the recent Milwaukee show, **Sharon Blocker** showed some odd and curious pieces that had caught her eye.
   - ☐ From a 1989 Collector Series, a Krause 5 dollar "note," good for any of their books or subscriptions.
   - ☐ A check printed on a sheet of rubber, with appropriate humorous legends throughout.
   - ☐ From Canada, a 2001 hologram coin, and a numismatic/philatelic set commemorating the first postage stamp in Canada.
   - ☐ An oval 1000 kwacha coin from Zambia, dated 2000.
7. **Don Dool** showed a number of copper coins from India:
   - ☐ A 1740 biche from Mahe (French India). Krause 65, Eklund 51, Craig 53. Slightly off-center due to irregular flan; 1 in date off flan. Five fleurs-de-lis on plain field. Beaded edge border.
   - ☐ A 1748 atia from Diu (Portuguese India). Krause 29, Eklund 191, Neumann III,2244. The Portuguese settled here and built a fort in 1535.
   - ☐ A 1770 4 kas from Tranquebar (Danish India). Krause 154.1, Eklund 124. Christian VII, 1766-1808. Danish Royal Colony.
   - ☐ A 1791 1 1/2 pice from Bombay. Krause 195.
   - ☐ An 1827 1 pice from Bombay. Krause 198.
   - ☐ An 1843 10 cash from the southern Indian state of Mysore. Krause 192.2. Probably Nagar mint.
8. Two idols were shown by **Harlan Berk**. From the Vinça culture (located along the Vinça River of Jugoslavia) and dating from 4,500 to 3,000 BC, these idols had been broken ritualistically.

Our 994th Meeting

Date:	November 14, 2001
Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	Bank One Plaza Building (formerly the First National Bank Building) 18th Floor, on Dearborn between Madison and Monroe. Enter the building at the South entrance of the Dearborn side, show a photo ID, sign in at the security desk and take the elevator to the 18th floor.
Member Auction:	Although the deadline for listing lots in the *Chatter* is past, you can still bring your lots with you to the November meeting. In the past few years, club related material (and Chicago area numismatic items) have realized the best results. Please consider using the club auction to dispose of the numismatic items you no longer need. You can place a reserve on each lot, and there is no commission charged to either the buyer or seller. Auction lot viewing will be held before the meeting starts, and again briefly before the auction starts. Please find elsewhere in this issue of the *Chatter* a listing of all auction lots that were known to us by Friday, October 26.

Birthday and Year Joined

December	6	Allen H. Meyer	1990
December	6	M. Michael Williams	2000
December	7	Brian C. Stubbs	1980
December	9	Howard Eisenberg	1963
December	10	Mike Gasvoda	1995
December	16	Michael Schmidt	2000
December	19	Bill Grundy	1980
December	26	Kevin J. Blocker	2000
December	29	Nick Weiss	1996
December	31	Phillip J. Carrigan	1989

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Minutes of the 994th Meeting

The 994th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order on November 14, 2001 at 7:01PM by President Carl Wolf. The meeting was held at 1 Bank One Plaza.

October minutes were not available but will appear in the December Chatter.

Secretary/Treasurer Lyle Daly gave a treasury report as follows:

Dreyfus Money Market	$1826.80
Bank One CD	1408.09
Bank One CD	1485.85
TCF Checking Account	1898.78
Un-deposited Funds	134.00
TOTAL	$6753.55

There was neither a featured speaker nor a show & tell.

Old Business:
The past dues letter was sent. Eleven members remain unpaid. We will discuss what to do with the unpaid memberships at the January meeting.

Jeff Rosinia advised the club that arrangements were made for the December 12th banquet. Price will be $44 each. A motion was made, seconded and passed to proceed with the banquet as arranged by Jeff at the Mid Day Club.

It was suggested to the club that we proceed with First Chicago banknote souvenir card for the CPMX show. A motion was made, seconded and passed to proceed with the card at a cost not to exceed last year's expense.

Paul Hybert has reestablished the club's web site with the ANA and registered our site as www.chicagocoinclub.org. A motion was made, seconded and passed to reimburse Paul $150.

Several club members suggested we send a letter of intent to bid on the ANA Convention for the year 2019 and a second date prior to 2019. This will coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Chicago Coin Club. A motion was made, seconded and passed to proceed with the letter.

Mark Wieclaw, chairman of the committee for planning the 1000th meeting, presented the club with drawings and examples of planchet size for the commemorative medallion. The proof medallion will be available in a 5 oz. silver for $55. It can be trimmed in gold for an additional $15. It is also available in a 6 - 8 oz . gold medallion that would be available on a preorder basis only for approximately $2500. A motion was made, seconded and passed to proceed with the recommendations of the committee.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to proceed with the development of a hanging ornament, for $290, as a give away to the attendees of the 1000th meeting banquet.

The price of the banquet will be $45 per person.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to encourage sponsorship of the 1000th meeting at the following levels:

Bronze	$50
Silver	100
Gold	250
Platinum	500

A motion was made to conduct a raffle to raise funds for the 1000th meeting. The motion was not seconded and failed.

After a discussion of fund raising activities, a motion was made, seconded and passed to encourage the sale of congratulatory advertisements in good taste in the printed program for the 1000th meeting.

The 1000th meeting committee recommended that we create an elongated handout for the 1000th meeting. The die has been paid for. A motion was made seconded and passed to proceed with the elongated hand out.

As reminder to all, the 1000th meeting will be held during the CICF on April 6, 2002.

Mark Wieclaw received a well deserved round of applause for his work as chairman of the committee.

New Business:
To gain admittance to Bank One for future meetings, you must have a picture ID. You must also call Lyle Daly or Jeff Rosinia in advance if you plan to bring a guest. They will require the guest's name, to be added to the list of attendees.

The souvenir card for the CICF will be the history of gold dust. Three flakes of gold will be included with each card.

Mike Metras noted that the statue *The Pioneers* created by James Earl Fraser, was dedicated on Saturday the 10th in Elgin. The motif is the same as that on the 1936 Elgin half-dollar.

A ten-minute recess was called prior to commencement of the annual auction.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Daly

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Our 995th Meeting

Date: December 12, 2001

Time: 6PM to 7PM Hors d'oeuvre reception (compliments of Harlan Berk) and cash bar
7PM to 9 PM Dinner and Meeting

Location: The Mid-Day Club, an exclusive private club established in 1903 with a breathtaking skyline view from the 56th floor of the Bank One Building and a place in Chicago history.
Enter on either the Dearborn (near Madison) entrance (regular meeting entrance) or the Clark (near Madison) entrance.
Please bring a photo ID to facilitate entry.
This year's banquet will be held in the "East Room" with a great view of the lake and north Chicago.

Menu: The cost per meal is $44.00 and the featured menu is a choice of Breast of Chicken Oscar sauteed with asparagus spears and finished with a bearnaise sauce. OR Grilled Salmon Fillet Dill Beurre Blanc.
Dinner will include a fresh house salad, Chef vegetable selection, rice or potato, and dinner rolls.
Dessert will be an Apple almond tart with cinnamon ice cream.
Reservations with your dinner choice must be made by Friday, December 7 by calling the Banquet Chairman Jeff Rosinia at 312-336-2548. If he is not in, leave your name and number on his voice mail.

Program: Reid Geisler on *Error Coins*

Error coins are the result of one or more accidents during production at the mint. We will hear if that is always true, and be treated to some wonderful examples of what can go wrong when people and fast machines interact.

Auction Results
November 14, 2001

1	$13.00	16	$15.00	111	$3.00	301	passed
2	20.00	17	5.00	112	15.00	302	passed
3	325.00	18&19	5.00	113	35.00	303	passed
4	3.00	20	2.00	114	25.00	304	$4.00
5	11.00	21	2.00	115	12.00	305	passed
6	6.00			116	5.00	306	5.00
7	5.00	101	8.00	117	3.00	401	2.00
8	3.00	102	10.00	118	1.00	402	3.00
9	3.00	103	1.00			403	1.00
10	5.00	104	45.00	201	1.00	404	1.00
11	3.00	105	3.00	202	5.00	405	3.00
12	3.00	106	17.00	203	7.00		
13	3.00	107	20.00	204	5.00	501	passed
14	5.00	108	5.00	205	30.00	502	passed
15	3.00	109	10.00	206	40.00	503	passed
		110	30.00				

Minutes of the 993rd Meeting

The 993rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order on October 10, 2001 at 7:03PM by President Carl Wolf. The meeting was held at the offices of Harlan Berk Ltd. in lieu of 1 Bank One Plaza.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to, approve the minutes of September 13, 2001.

There was no treasury report.

Featured Speaker
First Vice President Robert Feiler introduced featured speaker Mark Wiedaw. Mark gave a historical overview of the events leading up to and surrounding the minting of Morgan Silver Dollars at the Carson City Mint.

The Mint was in operation from 1869 to 1893. In 1873 the official exchange rate for silver to gold was 16:1 by weight. In the free market, gold was trading at a higher rate. The cost of silver on the east cost was high as it was shipped from western mines. Western mines wanted to sell at those prices. Through successful lobbying by mining interests, in 1878 the Bland-Allison Act was passed. It obligated the US government to purchase between 2 to 4 million dollars worth of silver at market price each month.

George T Morgan designed the dollar. His design was the winner in a design competition in which he and Charles Barber, Chief Engraver for the Mint, submitted designs. Relations between Mr. Barber and the Director of the Mint were strained. It was generally thought that Morgan had significant coaching by Henry Linderman, Director of the Mint, prior to the selection of the winning design.

The government held sales of silver dollars in 1960 and 1964. President Nixon ordered the sale of the remaining Carson City silver dollars in October of 1972 and in July of 1974.

First Vice President Bob Fieler thanked Mark for his presentation and noted that his certificate and medal were forthcoming. Bob did have a certificate for Bob Leonard.

Bob Leonard took the opportunity to make each attendee a millionaire by

passing out a 1,000,000 Lira notes, worth 67 cents. The notes were brought back from a trip to Turkey.

Second Vice President Don Dool introduced the following individuals, who presented material during the meeting's Show and Tell:

1. Reid Giesler presented a 2001 clipped planchet Sacagawea dollar.
2. Bob Leonard presented information on a Neolithic village that he visited in Turkey and obsidian money.
3. Mike Metra presented an uncut banknote sheet of the Western Exchange Fire & Marine.
4. Mark Wieclaw presented roman coins. Two of Caracalla featured the wolf & twins, while another pair featured an owl.
5. Carl Wolf presented Framed Ivory Money. Highly prized by many, even in pieces and fragments. Used in trade and commerce from the 16th through the 19th century; value measured by weight. Still used as bride money today; considered having magical powers.
6. Sharon Blocker presented odd and curious money. A Krause Publications "Good For" note used for subscriptions. A rubber check on the "Ricochet Bank". A Hologram Train on a Canadian token from 2000; bought at the ILNA show. A medal representing the 1st Canadian postage stamp. An oval Zambian 1000 Kwacha coin with enamel.
7. Don Dool presented Indian coins. 10 Cash, 1843 from Mysore. A Pie (dump) 1827, East India Company. 1 ½ Pice, 1791, EIC. A 1770 coin from Danish Travencore. An atia, 1748, from Portuguese Diu. A 1740 coin from French India.
8. Harlan Berk presented items from his personal collection, 4000-3000 BCE from Vinça in modern Yugoslavia. Two prehistoric terra cotta idols - a woman's head and a head with antlers; possibly a shaman. Also a piece of worked antler, possibly for a ceremony.

Old Business
Web Site - Paul Hybert looking for a new site.

Past Dues Letter - Carl Wolf, speaking for Lyle Daly, said letters were sent and some dues were remitted to the Club.

December Banquet - status unknown, various members voiced some concerns. Carl Wolf said that he would try to contact Jeff Rosinia.

1000th Meeting Committee - Mark Wieclaw reported a Medal, Fund Raising,

etc. still under discussion. Next committee meeting will be October 18.

CICF Give-Away - Bob Leonard said that he was looking into Gold Dust as currency. Used from King Midas to the present, he suggested a grain or two in the smallest possible Cointain. Bob and Bill Burd to look into the practicality and availability for ultimate sale for less than $5.

The Auction will be at November meeting. Notify Paul Hybert by October 24 to include your Lot in the Chatter.

New Business
Carl Wolf has asked Lyle Daly or Jeff Rosinia for a meeting with BankOne's security head to ease access on meeting nights.

There will be a Board meeting soon, possibly Wednesday, October 24.

Carl Wolf said that not all mail and email sent to the Club were reported at meetings or forwarded to the Club email list, as some appear to be scams.

An open discussion took place on various topics including the unperceived value of silver coins.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Daly
with Addendum by Steve Zitowsky

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January 2	Al Sawyer	1999
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